

**Criminal Justice - Crime Scene Technician Certificate** (CIP 43.0111)

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**Purpose:** This course provides the student with the goals and principles of physical evidence and defines the application of forensic sciences to the criminal investigation. It identifies the goals of crime scene management and provides the methodologies employed in recording the crime scene and in locating, collecting, and preserving the evidence. The importance and procedures for establishment of the chain of custody are presented, as are the methods utilized for requesting lab analysis of the recovered items of evidence. Emphasis is placed on providing each student with hands-on experience with lecture.

**Program Requirements:** A certificate student takes twenty seven (27-33) hours of prescribed courses. Upon successful completion of the approved course work, the student will be awarded a Crime Scene Certificate.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>		
CJSA 1308	Criminalistics I	3
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	<u>3</u>
		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CJSA 2323	Criminalistics II	3
CRIJ 1310 <b>or</b>	Fundamentals of Criminal Law <b>or</b>	3
CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I (Police Academy)	
CRIJ 2323 <b>or</b>	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	<u>3</u>
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II (Police Academy)	
		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
* CJSA 2332	Criminalistics III	3
CRIJ 2328 <b>or</b>	Police Systems and Practices	3
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III (Police Academy)	
CRIJ/CJLE/CJSA Elective		<u>3</u>
		<b>9</b>

Total Credits Required for Crime Scene Technician Certificate ..... **27**

\* Capstone Course