

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
First Semester		
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	3
CJSA 1308 or CRIJ 2314	Criminalistics I or Criminal Investigation	3
Second Semester		
CRIJ 1310 or CJLE 1506	Fundamentals of Criminal Law Basic Peace Officer I (Police Academy)	3
CRIJ 2323 or CJLE 1512	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement Basic Peace Officer II (Police Academy)	3
CJSA 2323	Criminalistics II	3
Third Semester		
CRIJ 2328 or CJLE 1518	Police Systems and Practices Basic Peace Officer III (Police Academy)	3
CRIJ/CJLE/CJSA Elective		3
** CJSA 2332	Criminalistics III	3

Total Credits Required for Crime Scene Technician Certificate27

** Capstone Course