Office: Vin 236

Office Hours: Tues 9:30 12:00; 5 p.m. 6 p.m. & 9 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Wed: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. & 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Thurs: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. & 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
None

Course Description:
This is a lower division elective criminal justice course at Angelo State University in the police area. It is additional to four required lower division course, which make up a core 12-hour field of study group in Texas.

The purpose of this course is to provide a basic overview of criminal investigation. You will discover that it is competency based and features below instructional units designed to assist you in meeting required unit objectives, which collectively accomplish the purpose of the course.

- Provide the student with an overview of criminal investigations
- Acquaint the student with features and duties of a preliminary investigation
- Make the student aware of legal consideration pertaining to criminal investigation
- Familiarize the learner with investigation equipment and procedure for creating records
- Provide the student with basic knowledge of crime scene control and search
- Give the learner basic knowledge of physical evidence and its processing
- Acquaint the learner with methods of obtaining information
- Provide the student with methods of identification and apprehension
- Make the learner understand the nature of undercover investigation

After the completion of each unit an examination will be administered covering the lecture.

Your grade in the course reflects your performance in relation to that of the most successful student in the class. As the course progresses, each student is accumulating points from homework, quizzes, tests, movies, etc. When the course is completed your total and others will be divided by the highest student total. Your course grade will be based upon the result (90+=A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=D) and below 60% is failing. Notice that this method generates realistic performance expectations as you are not compared to an arbitrary higher standard which possibly no student could achieve.

It is your responsibility to learn. The instructor’s is that of guidance and assistance. Therefore, you are responsible for determining anything, which you miss due to absence or other problems and doing whatever it takes to meet the requirements and demands of the course. Your instructor is there to help you but the responsibility to succeed is yours. You
will not be graded on your attendance. If you are foolish enough to deliberately miss classes you will fail the course and yourself.

The instructor will generally be available to help you around the hours of his classes and office hours as above. He will also be happy to meet you at other times. Part of your education requires you to assume your own responsibility for a wide variety of tasks, problems and issues rather than depending on others. Your instructor is interested in providing you with needed counseling in this context.

**Academic Integrity:** I expect my students to engage in their academic pursuits in an appropriate manner. Thus, I expect you to maintain complete honesty and integrity in your academic experiences. Cheating on any course requirement will result in a ZERO grade for the requirement in question. Click on [Academic Honor Code](#) to review the University honor code.

**Students with Disabilities:** Students with a disability requiring special accommodations should contact the Student Life Office at (325) 942-2191 or send an e-mail to [student.life@angelo.edu](mailto:student.life@angelo.edu) to request such accommodations.

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day:** In accordance with [ASU OP 10.19](#), I will allow students to observe a religious holiday. Click on the link to review the policy.