

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 236

Credits: 3

Course Title: Principles of Criminal Investigation

Course Description: Surveys the fundamentals of criminal investigation procedures and techniques. Examines crime scene search, collecting, handling, and preserving of evidence. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify, describe, and discuss the five steps in crime scene procedure;
- b. Describe the proper evidence collection procedure;
- c. Take an acceptable set of fingerprints and classify them; and
- d. Write a report of a crime scene investigation in a manner acceptable for court testimony.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Rules of Evidence
- b. Rules of Arrest
- c. Criminal Justice Procedure
- d. Evidence Collection
- e. Searching Techniques

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Fall, 2008