



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

**LEA 230**

**Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation**

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introduction to basic procedures in criminal investigation, including techniques of surveillance, crime scene search, collection, the preservation of evidence, sources of information including interviews and interrogation.

**PREREQUISITES:** *CJS 100 and LEA 201*

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES**

*Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:*

1. Describe basic investigative techniques
2. Identify the methods used to collect and preserve evidence
3. Discuss why maintaining the "chain of evidence" is important in a criminal case
4. Explain what the "elements of a crime" are
5. Differentiate between "Crimes against Persons" and "Crimes against Property"
6. Describe basic crime lab protocols
7. Demonstrate how to testify in court

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9% = B  
70%-79.9% = C  
60%-69.9% = D  
<60% = E