Broward Community College
Course Outline

STATUS: A

COMMON COURSE NUMBER: CJE 2640

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Criminalistics

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CONTACT HOURS BREAKDOWN:

Lecture/Discussion	32
Lab	16
Other	00
Contact Hours/Week	3

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisite: None

Corequisite: None

The student is taught the scientific aspects of criminal investigations known as criminalistics from both an on-scene and in- the-crime laboratory standpoint.

General Education Requirements - Associate of Arts Degree, meets Area(s): 7
General Education Requirements - Associate in Science Degree, meets Area(s): 6

UNIT TITLES:

1. Police Crime Laboratories
2. Review of Basic Crime Scene Processing Procedures
3. Introductory Criminalistics

LAST REVIEW **Academic Year 2006-07** NEXT REVIEW **Academic Year 2011-12**

I. Course Overview:

Upon successful completion of this course, the students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the scientific aspects of collecting, preserving, and examining evidence.

II. Units:

Unit 1. Police Crime Laboratories

General Outcome:

1.0 The students should be able to outline the history and functions of police crime laboratories in the United States.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

1.1 Outline the history of crime laboratories in the United States.

1.2 List the functions of each section of a crime laboratory.

1.3 Outline overall capabilities and inabilities of crime laboratories.

Unit 2. Review of Basic Crime Scene Processing Procedures

General Outcome:

2.0 The students should be able to apply crime scene processing procedures learned in criminal investigation to mock crime scenes.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

2.1 Process a mock crime scene which is critiqued and graded.

2.2 Eliminate mistakes made on the first mock crime scene by processing a second which is also critiqued and graded.

Unit 3. Introductory Criminalistics

General Outcome:

3.0 The students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of and apply scientific and legal principles to physical evidence obtained during an investigation.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

3.1 Demonstrate an understanding of and apply scientific principles to physical evidence gathered during an investigation.

3.2 Demonstrate an understanding of and apply legal principles to physical evidence gathered during an investigation.

3.3 Recognize fallacious claims and baseless assumptions concerning scientific capabilities of certain evidence.