

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## CJ 312: Criminal Investigation

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course will cover a variety of topics that would assist law enforcement officers in conducting investigations.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 01/12/2009 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. The effective and legal ways to conduct a search.
2. The preparation of evidence for court.
3. The interviewing of victims/witnesses.
4. The interrogation of suspects.
5. The legal considerations involved in searches, interviews and interrogations.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will be able to conduct an effective legal investigation of a crime.
2. Students will be able to conduct effective field interviews and station interviews while respecting the victims/witnesses individual rights.
3. Students will know how to prepare evidence for presentation in court.
4. Students will learn how to follow a trail of evidence that may result in the successful resolution of a crime.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted