

Faculty	Management and Social Sciences	
Department	Sociology	
Course Title	Criminal Scene Investigation	
Year of Study	III	
Course Code	CSS 304	
Credit Hours	2	
Contact Hours	30	
Mode of Delivery	Classroom Lectures	
Mode of Assessment		Weight%
Continuous Assessment		30%
Final Examination		70%
Total		100%
Course Lecture/Instructor	Mr. A. A. Ajibade	
Course Description	Criminal Scene Investigation provides an in-depth exploration of the techniques, procedures, and technologies used in the investigation of crime scenes. The course covers crime scene analysis, evidence collection, preservation, and forensic methods.	
Course Objectives	<p>By the end of this course, students should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the fundamental principles of criminal scene investigation. 2. Learn techniques for securing and analyzing crime scenes. 3. Demonstrate proficiency in evidence collection and preservation. 4. Familiarize themselves with forensic technologies used in investigations. 5. Develop skills in documenting and reporting crime scene findings. 	

	6. Discuss the legal and ethical considerations in criminal scene investigation.	
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completing the course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the fundamental principles of criminal scene investigation. 2. Apply techniques for securing and analyzing crime scenes. 3. Demonstrate proficiency in evidence collection and preservation. 4. Explain forensic technologies used in investigations. 5. Develop skills in documenting and reporting crime scene findings. 6. Discuss legal and ethical considerations in criminal scene investigation. 	
Teaching and Learning	The class will meet for two hours each week. Class time will be utilized for lectures.	
Detailed Course Content		
Course Content Sequencing		
Weeks	Detailed Course Outline	Allocated Time
Week 1	Introduction to Criminal Scene Investigation	2 hours
Week 2	Crime Scene Analysis: Patterns and Indicators	2 Hours
Week 3	Securing and Isolating Crime Scenes	2 Hours
Week 4	Evidence Recognition and Documentation	2 Hours

Week 5	Physical and Trace Evidence	2 Hours
Week 6	Biological Evidence: Blood, DNA, and Forensic Biology	2 Hours
Week 7	Firearms and Toolmarks Analysis	2 Hours
Week 8	Forensic Anthropology and Odontology	2 Hours
Week 9	Digital Evidence: Computer Forensics and Cybercrime	2 Hours
Week 10	Crime Scene Reconstruction and Analysis	2 Hours
Week 11	Legal and Ethical Considerations in CSI	2 Hours
Week 12	Examination	

Recommended Reading Materials

Fisher, B. A. J., & Fisher, D. R. (2017). *Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation* (9th ed.). CRC Press.

Saferstein, R. (2018). *Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science* (12th ed.). Pearson.

Osterburg, J. W., & Ward, R. H. (2013). *Criminal Investigation: A Method for Reconstructing the Past* (7th ed.). Routledge.

James, S. H., & Nordby, J. J. (2019). *Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques* (5th ed.). CRC Press.

Lee, H. C., & Harris, H. A. (2013). *Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction* (3rd ed.). Academic Press.

(Note: Additional readings, case studies, and research articles may be assigned during the course.)