**Wayland Mission Statement**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Contact Information**

**Course**

: JUAD 3308 VCO1 – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

**Campus**

: WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY ONLINE

**Term/Session**

**:** SPRING 2022

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**Class Meeting Time and Location**

**:** DAILY ONLINE

**Textbook Information**

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Material(s):** The textbook used for this course is *Criminal Investigation*, by Swanson, Chamelin, Territo, and Taylor, 11th Edition, from McGraw Hill, ISBN: 978-0-07-811152-5.

**Optional Materials**

**:** NO OPTIONAL MATERIALS WILL BE NEEDED

**Course Information**

**Catalog Description**

**:**  Covers police procedures specifically related to patrol activities.

**There is no prerequisite for this course.**

**Course Outcome Competencies**

**:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

* terminology employed by criminal evidence technicians;
* historical milestones in forensics and investigation;
* the sequences of events required by investigators in a variety of criminal investigations;
* proficient report writing skills;
* how to conduct a burglary investigation;
* how to conduct a basic death investigation

**Attendance Requirements**

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The university expects students to make class attendance a priority. Faculty members provide students a copy of attendance requirements. These are provided on the first day of class. Students in programs for which an outside agency (such as the Veteran’s Administration) has stricter attendance requirements will be subject to those requirements. In addition, the university registrar will provide each student affected a list of these regulations. The dean of the school must approve part-time and adjunct faculty class attendance requirements prior to syllabi distribution.

**University Policies**

**Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

**:** Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

**Disability Statement**

**:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Director of Counseling, Career and Disability Services serves as the coordinator of students with disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation request at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

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**Student Grade Appeals**

**:** Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

THREE TESTS AT 100 POINTS PER TEST = 300 POINTS

Test One: Chapters 1 – 7

Test Two: Chapters 8 – 14

Test Three: Chapters 15 – 21

EIGHT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AT 10 POINTS PER DISCUSSION = 80 POINTS

TOTAL POINTS = 380

DISCUSSIONS WILL BE PLACED ON BLACKBOARD ON THE DISCUSSION TAB FORUM

**The University has a standard grade scale:**

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term, within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion.  If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

**Tentative Schedule**

**Criminal Investigations JUAD 3308**

Chapter One: Criminal Investigation: An Overview

Chapter Two: Documenting the Crime Scene: Note Taking, Photographing, and Sketching

Chapter Three: Writing Effective Reports

Chapter Four: Searches

Chapter Five: Forensics/Physical Evidence

Chapter Six: Obtaining Information and Intelligence

Chapter Seven: Identifying and Arresting Suspects

Chapter Eight: Death Investigations

Chapter Nine: Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Elder Abuse

Chapter Ten: Sex Offenses

Chapter Eleven: Crimes Against Children

Chapter Twelve: Robbery

Chapter Thirteen: Burglary

Chapter Fourteen: Larceny/Theft, Fraud, and White-Collar Crime

Chapter Fifteen: Motor Vehicle Theft

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Chapter Sixteen: Arson, Bombs, and Explosives

Chapter Seventeen: Computer Crime

Chapter Eighteen: A Dual Threat: Drug-Related Crime and Organized Crime

Chapter Nineteen: Criminal Activities of Gangs and Other Dangerous Groups

Chapter Twenty: Terrorism and Homeland Security

Chapter Twenty-One: Preparing for and Presenting Cases in Court

\*\*\*\*subject to change – if so I will let you know…