

Cosby/Cocke County High School

***Criminal Justice 3 *2025-2026 Syllabus**

Part 1: Course Information

Instructor Information

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The Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security cluster helps prepare students for careers in planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

Forensic Criminal Investigations -is the third course designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in the sciences of criminal investigations. Students will learn terminology and investigation skills related to the crime scene, aspects of criminal behavior, and applications of the scientific inquiry to solve crimes. By utilizing the scientific inquiry method, students will obtain and analyze evidence through simulated crime scenes and evaluation of case studies.

Prerequisite

- 📖 Students will complete each class in order from CRJT 1, CRJT 2, and CRJT 3. Criminal Justice 3 is considered a Statewide Dual Credit Class. If CRJT is considered your program of study, you must complete and pass all 3 criminal justice classes in order to graduate. Once you have completed two classes, your junior/senior year, you

can go to Walter's State Community College and take a Dual Credit Test in the spring.

General Education/High School Pathway Area

- The Criminal Justice and Correction Services program of study prepares students for a range of careers in law enforcement, crime scene analysis, forensic science, public safety, and criminal justice. Course content emphasizes procedures and laws governing the application of justice in the United States, from constitutional rights to crisis scenario management and the elements of criminal investigations. Upon completion of this program of study, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skill preparation for postsecondary or career opportunities in many law- and justice-related fields.

Textbook & Course Materials

Required Text

- Forensic Science, Fundamentals & Investigations, by Anthony J. Bertino, ISBN#-978-0-538-73155-3
- Courts and Criminal Justice in America, by Siegal, Schmallegger, and Worrall, ISBN#-978-0-13-345999-9
- Movie: "The Devil's Knot"-Approved-10/21/2021 By Donnie Frazier
- Movie: "World Trade Center"-Approved-10/21/2021 By Donnie Frazier

Course Requirements

- Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable)
- Access to /Web site/Other
- Pencil, Paper, Notebook

Course Structure

The class will be delivered by lecture, discussion, activity, lab-based, test, groups, homework, and classwork.

Part 2: Student Learning Outcomes

*Expected student learning outcome for this course. The student learning outcomes for each course can be found in the Tennessee State Standards, course pacing guide, and other resources pertaining to your course. These can be found on TN.Gov under Academic Standards.

A bulleted list is a good way to display these objectives as shown below:

- Scope and Development of Forensic Science/Careers
- Investigation
- Physical Evidence Analysis

You will meet the objectives listed above through a combination of the following activities in this course:

*Most objectives will be met through 1) Classwork, 2) Homework, 3) Test,) 4 Groups. Students will be provided dates to complete

assignments. If a student is absent and it is excused the student will be allowed 2 days to make up any missed work.

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Part 3: Criminal Justice/Topics Covered

Semester 1

Week	Topic	Readings/ Resources	Activities	Due Date
1	Safety/Test	PowerPoint	Test	TBD
2	History	Lecture	Notes	
3	Criminalistics	Lecture	Notes	
4	Laws-Guidelin	Lecture	Notes	
5	Case Study	Lecture	Notes	
6	Techniques	Lecture	Notes	
7	Career Plan.	Lecture	Notes	
8	Career/L/S/F	Lecture	Notes	
9	Licensure	Lecture	Notes	
10	Investigation	Lecture	Notes	
11	Parole/Prob.	Lecture	Notes	
12	First Respond.	Lecture	Notes	
13	Crime Science	Lecture	Notes	
14	Physical Evid.	Lecture	Notes	
15	Mock Crime S.	Lecture	Notes	

16	Design a Lab	Lecture	Notes	
17	Presentation	Lecture	Notes	
18	Sem. Exam	Lecture	Notes/Test	

Semester 2

Week	Topic	Readings/ Resources	Activities	Due Date
1	Safety/Test	PowerPoint	Test	
2	History	Lecture	Notes	
3	Criminalistics	Lecture	Notes	
Week	Topic	Readings/ Resources	Activities	Due Date
4	Laws-Guidelin	Lecture	Notes	
5	Case Study	Lecture	Notes	
6	Techniques	Lecture	Notes	
7	Career Plan.	Lecture	Notes	
8	Career/L/S/F	Lecture	Notes	
9	Licensure	Lecture	Notes	
10	Investigation	Lecture	Notes	
11	Parole/Prob.	Lecture	Notes	
12	First Respond.	Lecture	Notes	
13	Crime Scene	Lecture	Notes	
14	Physical Evid.	Lecture	Notes	
15	Mock Crime S.	Lecture	Notes	
16	Design a Lab	Lecture	Notes	
17	Presentation	Lecture	Notes	
18	Sem. Exam	Lecture	Notes	

***Calendar/Schedule: The class schedule maybe subject to change if school is cancelled due to snow or any unforeseen circumstances such as school scheduling which may arise during the**

school year. If you have any questions pertaining to the schedule you may reach the instructor with the above email for further questions.

This class has a semester exam.

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Part 4: Grading Policy

Graded Course Activities

Assignments for details about each assignment listed below.

1st 9 Weeks	
Points	Description
*# 100%	*Homework, Classwork, Test, Groups, Absenteeism, Projects will determine students grade.
2nd 9 Weeks	
Points	Description
*# 100%	*Homework, Classwork, Test, Groups, Absenteeism, Projects will determine students grade.
3rd 9 Weeks	
Points	Description
*100%	*Homework, Classwork, Test, Groups, Absenteeism, Projects will determine students grade.
4th 9 Weeks	
Points	Description
*100%	*Homework, Classwork, Test, Groups, Absenteeism, Projects will determine students grade.

Late Work Policy

* Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines—there will be no makeup assignments or test, or late work accepted without a serious and compelling reason and instructor approval.

Viewing Grades in ASPEN (optional)

Points you receive for graded activities will be posted to the ASPEN Grade Book. Click on the My Grades link on the left navigation to view your points.

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* Your instructor will update the online grades each time a grading session has been complete—typically 2 days following the completion of an activity. You will see a visual indication of new grades posted on your ASPEN home page under the link to this course.

Letter Grade Assignment

* Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total points earned and are assigned as follows:

Test-25%

Classwork/Homework/GroupsHomework-75%

Grading Scale:

A = 90 -100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 -79

D = 60 - 69

F = 0 - 59

I = Incomplete

X = No Credit

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Part 5: Course Policies

Attend Class

Students are expected to attend all class sessions as listed on the course calendar.

- If a student has chronic absenteeism, it may affect their grades. If a student has an excused absence, he/she will be allowed to make up their work.

Participate

- Students score for participation will be monitored by the work they turn in; grades will be posted to the ASPEN account for all assignments graded.

Build Rapport

If you find that you have any trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, make sure you let your instructor know as early as possible. As you will find, building rapport and effective relationships are key to becoming an effective professional. Make sure that you are proactive in informing your instructor when difficulties arise during the semester so that they can help you find a solution.

Complete Assignments

Assignments must be submitted by the given deadline or special permission must be requested from instructor *before the due date*.

Extensions will not be given beyond the next assignment except under extreme circumstances. Late or missing discussion assignments will affect the student's grade.

Incomplete Policy

Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition for an incomplete grade. An incomplete will only be assigned upon approval by the principal and timeframe will be determined.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

1. Academic dishonesty includes such things as cheating, inventing false information or citations, plagiarism and helping someone else commit an act of academic dishonesty.
2. Course instructors have the initial responsibility for detecting and dealing with academic dishonesty. Instructors who believe that an act of academic dishonesty has occurred are obligated to discuss the matter with the student(s) involved. Instructors should possess reasonable evidence of academic dishonesty. However, if circumstances prevent consultation with student(s), instructors may take whatever action (subject to student appeal) they deem appropriate.

3. If an instructor finds the student to be guilty of academic dishonesty the student will be given a 0-F for the grade of the assignment.

Student Testing Code of Ethics and Security

It is important for you as a student to know that the following guidelines are to be strictly followed. This year the TN Ready EOC test will count at least 15% of your final semester grade. Your work on this test is very important and it deserves your best effort. I understand that during testing on the days of the assessment, I am responsible for:

- Not having any electronic devices on me or in my purse/backpack/pockets ○ Including but not limited to cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, etc. **during testing or during breaks.**
 - Best practice is for students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
 - If I am caught with a device during testing or during breaks, my test may be nullified, resulting in a zero as at least 15% of my semester grade, and any school level disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the administration.
- Trying my best on the test ○ If I do not attempt to test (I give **no answers or randomly answer** questions) my test score may be nullified, resulting in a zero as at least 15% of my semester grade, and any school level disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the administration.
 - The testing administrators and proctors in the testing environment will determine if no answers or random answering is taking place.
 - I will focus and put forth effort on the test.
- Being honest and not cheating ○ If I am caught cheating (taking pictures of the test, writing down and passing answers, talking to other students, looking on other computers, using software outside the testing platform), my test may be nullified, resulting in a zero as at least 15% of my semester grade, and

any school level disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the administration.