

# Louisiana Delta Community College

## Academic Affairs Master Syllabus

**Course Name:** Forensic Crime Scene Investigation I

**Course Number:** FORS 214

**Lecture hours:** 3

**Lab Hours:** 0

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Textbook, Author, and Publisher:** To be provided by College Campus

**Instructor Information:** To be provided by College Campus

**Class Location:** To be provided by College Campus

### **Course Description:**

A study of the methods and techniques of scientific crime scene investigation and analysis using principles from biology, chemistry and physics to document, recognize, preserve and collect physical evidence. The principles of forensic science, specifically the various types of physical evidence, classification of evidence and the role of physical evidence in a criminal investigation are emphasized. Topics include: class and individual characteristics of evidence, security and protection of a crime scene, documentation of a crime scene, photography, sketching, proper search techniques, evidence collection, fingerprint processing and enhancement, and release of the crime scene. The legal requirements of a crime scene, chain of custody and crime scene equipment are additional topics

**Prerequisites:** Completion of FORS 100 w a C or better.

**Co-requisites:** Concurrent enrollment in FORS 224

### **Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define a crime scene and a scientific crime scene investigation.
2. Classify the types of evidence (transient, conditional, associate, pattern, trace).
3. Describe the three types of crime scene photographs (overall, mid-range, close-up).
4. Describe the procedures for sketching a crime scene including the use of rough and final sketches.
5. Understand the correct procedure to collect, preserve, and package each of the following items of evidence: fingerprints, firearms, trace evidence, biological evidence, impression evidence, arson evidence, questioned documents, entomological evidence, toolmarks and drug evidence.

**Assessment Measures:** To be provided by College Campus

**Library Resource Center:**

The Delta Library and Learning Resource Center is committed to providing quality information and learning resources and services, including technology, in supporting the overall mission of Delta Community College and its commitment to lifelong learning.

**Special Accommodations:**

Louisiana Delta Community College complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students with disabilities who attend the Monroe campus may make a request by contacting the Director of Counseling and Disability Services (See College Directory for contact information.) at the beginning of each semester. Reasonable accommodations will be attempted for students with documented disabilities. If an impairment is identified later in the semester, a non-retroactive accommodation plan will be developed. Students at satellite campuses should contact the Coordinator of Student Affairs at their particular campus.

**Title IX:**

Louisiana Delta Community College is committed to protecting the rights of students, which includes compliance with Title IX requirements. As such, the institution and members of our community will not tolerate the offenses of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Students with Title IX concerns should contact the College's Title IX Coordinator (See College Directory for contact information.) Students are required to complete Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Online Training. Access to this online course will be sent out through the Delta email account.

**Student Code of Conduct:**

Louisiana Delta Community College encourages an environment of academic integrity and mutual respect. Students should read and follow both academic and behavioral expectations identified in the Code of Student Conduct that can be found online at [www.ladelta.edu](http://www.ladelta.edu). Students are expected to act with integrity, respect the rights of others, and conduct themselves in a professional manner. The Honor Code prohibits academic misconduct such as cheating, engaging in unauthorized collaboration, and plagiarism. Violations of the Code of Student Conduct may result in disciplinary action as provided in the Code. Incidents are reported through the online Student Conduct system.