

**CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS FOR CJSA 1175  
INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

Semester Hours Credit: 1

**INSTRUCTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Office Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional office hours are available by appointment.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. This course discusses the different formats used to investigate the crime of sexual assault. It includes strategies to investigate sexual assault, interview victims and witnesses, document evidence in accordance with state laws and conduct case studies.
  
- B. This course is an elective for the Associate in Applied Science degree.
  
- C. This course is occupationally related and serves as preparation for careers in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, Investigation of Sexual Abuse, the student will be able to:

- A. Discuss the history of sexual assault in America and the military.
  
- B. Understand the purpose of the investigative process of sexual assault.
  
- C. Know the steps a victim may have to go through in an investigation.
  
- D. Recognize any time constraints associated with evidence.
  
- E. Create a climate of confidence for victims of sexual assault
  
- F. Identify false rape allegations

G. Understand the framework for recovering and processing physical evidence in rape and sexual assault cases.

H. Have a basic understand the psychology of rape and rapist.

I. Understand the necessity of expert witness testimony.

### III. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. Text: Hazelwood, Robert R. and Burgess, Ann Wolbert: Practical Aspects of Rape Investigation: A Multidisciplinary Approach, Third Ed. Washington, D.C. CRC Press. 2001 (ISBN: 0849300762)

B. References: TBA

### IV. COURSE REQUIRMENTS

A. Class participation is critical. You are encouraged to participate in discussions and to provide any enlightening information.

B. Good class notes are indispensable. They will be reference material for those in law enforcement.

### V. EXAMINATIONS

A. There will be one major examination.

B. A student must be present for the examination. Students who know in advance they will be absent from an examination due to valid reasons will be allowed to take a make-up exam provided they make prior arrangements with the instructor. Unexpected absences due to illness or extenuation circumstances will require the students to see the instructor about individual make-up work.

C. Students without excused absences will receive a grade of zero for the missed examination.

D. Examination may consist of objective (true/false, multiple choice, matching) or subjective (short answer and essay) questions, or a combination of both types. Students majoring in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement must be able to communicate both orally and in written form, thus some questions requiring the composition and writing of an essay answer will be required.

### VI. SEMESTER GRADE COMPUTATIONS

<u>EXAM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>GRADE/TOTAL POINTS</u>
Final exam	100	(A) 90 to 100 (4 pts) (B) 80 to 89 (3 pts) (C) 70 to 79 (2 pts) (D) 60 to 69 (1 pt) (F) Below 60

(0 pts)

## VII. NOTES AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM COURSE INSTRUCTORS

- A. **Tuition refunds** are made only in the case of class cancellation or official and timely withdrawal from CTC or from a course. Please refer to the current course catalog for more details, at <http://europe.ctcd.edu/library/catalog.php>.
- B. **GoArmyEd** students should contact their education counselor before withdrawing and are required to withdraw through the GoArmyEd portal.  
**Please note: a military withdrawal does not override CTC's grading policy.**  
 For **self-pay students**, refunds are computed from the date the Application for Withdrawal or Refund is filed with the CTC Field Representative or designated Student Services Officer. Special conditions apply to students who receive federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid.  
**Tuition and fees paid directly to the Institution** by the Veterans Administration, Title IV (Financial Aid Programs, a sponsor, donor, or scholarship shall be refunded to the source rather than directly to the students.
- C. **Course Withdrawals, Student Responsibilities**  
 It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course. The instructor cannot initiate a withdrawal based upon a student's request. Rather, students must initiate the withdrawal with the designated Education Center Representative, through the CTC Field Representative or the Student Services Officer for that region.  
 Applications for Withdrawal will be accepted at any time before the completion of 75% of the course, after which time the student will be assigned an "FN"- "Failure for Non-attendance".
- D. **Incomplete Grade Policy**  
 An "IP" or "Incomplete" grade may be assigned by an instructor if a student has made satisfactory progress in a course with the exception of a major quiz, final exam, or other project. The "IP" grade may also be assigned based on circumstances beyond a student's control, such as personal illness, death in the immediate family, or military orders. Notice of absences, with supporting documentation, may be required by the instructor. The instructor makes the final decision concerning the granting of the incomplete grade. With an "Incomplete" grade, students are required to complete a set amount of work before the instructor will submit an official letter grade. This date can be determined by the instructor but must be within 110 days of the course end date. After completion of the work the instructor can then change the grade of "IP" to the appropriate letter grade. If this work is not completed by the specified date the instructor will change the grade to "F".

E. Cellular Phones and Beepers: Cellular phones and beepers will be turned off while the student is in the classroom or laboratory.

F. American's With Disabilities Act (ADA): Students requiring accommodations for disabilities are responsible for notifying the instructor. Reasonable accommodations will be granted in full compliance with federal and state law and Central Texas College policy.

G. Instructor Discretion: The instructor reserves the right of final decision in course requirements.

H. Civility: Individuals are expected to be cognizant of what a constructive educational experience is and respectful of those participating in a learning environment. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

## VIII. COURSE OUTLINE

### Day One:

- A. Course Introduction, Syllabus review and final exam.
- B. Understanding the history of rape and sexual assault.

### Day Two:

- A. Process of rape investigation.
- B. Process of medicolegal forensic exam.

### Day Three:

- A. Psychology of rape and rapists.
- B. Myths about rape and sexual assault.

### Day Four:

- A. Prosecution of rape and sexual assault
- B. Use of expert witnesses in rape and sexual assault cases.