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## COURSE OUTLINE

1. COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER: **ADJ 236** CREDIT HOURS: 3

2. COURSE TITLE: **Principles of Criminal Investigation**

3. PREREQUISITES: None

4. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Surveys the fundamentals of criminal investigation procedures and techniques. Examines crime scene search, collecting, handling and preserving of evidence. Lecture 3 hours per week.

5. CONTENT: (Major Headings)

- a. Rules of Evidence
- b. Rules of Arrest
- c. Criminal Justice Procedure
- d. Evidence Collection
- e. Searching Techniques

6. GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a. identify, describe, and discuss the five steps in crime scene procedure.
- b. describe the proper evidence collection procedure.
- c. take an acceptable set of fingerprints and classify them.
- d. write a report of a crime scene investigation in a manner acceptable for court testimony.