

Hagerstown Community College

MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE: ADJ 205: Forensic Science for Criminal Justice, 3 credits **DATE:** SP18

INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Karschner, M.S.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to the study of physical evidence through application of scientific principles. Emphasis is placed on the role of the criminalist.

Pre-requisite ADJ 101. Semester offered: Periodically.

TEXTBOOK:

Saferstein, Forensic Science: From the Crime Scene to the Crime Lab, 2nd Ed. Pearson Education, Inc. Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2011. ISBN: 0131391879

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1) The student will be able to identify the basic principles associated with the scientific examination of physical evidence.
- 2) The student will be able to describe the use of exemplar samples in relation to the examination of physical evidence.
- 3) The student will be able to explain major legal decisions that relate to crime scene investigation & physical evidence

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class "lecture"	37.5 h	
Reading chapters		57 h reading
Quiz/activity for each chapter	Included in lecture time	15 h quiz prep
Research project		8 h
4 lecture exams		17 h exam prep
Cumulative final exam (Academic Testing Center)	Included in lecture time	
Total Hours	37.5 h	97 h

Services for Students with Disabilities: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530