

**Basic Law Enforcement Training Course**

**CRJ 206: Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation**

**BLOCK AA (Session 3) October 2, 2023 - November 7, 2023**

**P.O.S.T. Course Code:  BLM13G**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course presents the fundamentals of preliminary criminal investigations. Learners are provided with an overview of crime scene management and investigative techniques. Topics include: crime scene processing; evidence collection; crime scene management techniques; and procedures used in investigating various crimes. Emphasis is placed on legal requirements specified in the Criminal Code of Georgia.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

Georgia Peace Officer Reference Text

Official Code of Georgia

**P.O.S.T. INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS**

3.6       FAMILY VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC DISPUTES, DISTURBANCES & CRISIS    INTERVENTION (8 hrs.)

4.5       INTERVIEWS AND INTERROGATIONS (8 hrs.)

5.2       CRIME SCENE PRESERVATION (16 hrs.)

5.3       SEX OFFENSE INVESTIGATION (4 hrs.)

5.5       BURGLARY INVESTIGATION (2 hrs.)

5.6       ROBBERY INVESTIGATION (2 hrs.)

5.7       CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (6 hrs.)

5.8       JUVENILE LAW (4 hrs.)

5.11     ARSON, BOMBS, EXPLOSIVES, & ARSON INVESTIGATION (3 hrs.)

5.12    MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT INVESTIGATION (2 hrs.)

5.13    ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANGS INVESTIGATION (4 hrs.)

5.14    CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INVESTIGATION (4 hrs.)

5.15    DEATH INVESTIGATION (2 hrs.)

7.1       FINGERPRINTING (4 hrs.)

**GEORGIA P.O.S.T. COUNCIL UNIFORM ACADEMY REGULATIONS**

This course shall be administered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council & the Reinhardt University Police Academy Handbook.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

All assignments must be completed by the student. Learners are expected to read and adhere to the Academic Integrity section of Reinhardt University’s Academic Catalog.  Additionally, see the Reinhardt University Police Academy Handbook for program specific requirements.

Cases of academic dishonesty may result in expulsion from the University, a failing grade for the course, or a failing grade for the assignment.

This course is sanctioned by the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council as basic training.  Instances of cheating or academic dishonesty must be reported to the Council as prescribed in the Uniform Law Enforcement Academy Regulations.

**COURSE  EVALUATION**

**P.O.S.T. Performance Examinations:**

Performance based examinations shall be graded on a pass/fail basis.  A student must pass each performance examination to be granted training credit for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course.  For academic purposes, an initial pass shall receive a grade of 100.  A failure shall be graded as a zero.  Students are permitted one retest per performance examination failure in accordance with the Uniform Law Enforcement Academy Regulations.  In the event of a successful retest, the student shall be assigned a grade of 50 in lieu of a zero.   A failure to pass a performance examination retest shall result in administrative withdrawal from the course.

**P.O.S.T. Written Examinations:**

(2) P.O.S.T. written examinations shall be administered.  These examinations shall consist of at least 50 multiple choice questions drawn from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Master Question Bank.   It shall consist of questions directly related to P.O.S.T. training objectives.  A student must score 70% or higher on the examination to be granted training credit for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course.  The grade from these examinations shall constitute 50% of the final academic grade for CRJ 206.

P.O.S.T. periodic examination retests shall not be calculated in the final academic average for University grading purposes.  A failure to achieve a minimum grade of 70% on a retest shall result in administrative withdrawal from the course.  Retests are not permitted upon a third periodic / topical written examination failure within the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course.

**Quizzes**

A minimum of two quizzes shall be given.  These quizzes shall be averaged together and count as 20% of the final academic average.

**Final Academic Assessment:**

This academic assessment shall consist of multiple choice questions covering material presented in CRJ 206.  The assessment shall consist of between 50-100 questions.  The grade from this assessment shall constitute 25% of the final academic grade for CRJ 275.

**Quality of Student Work**

Use of proper grammar, correct spelling, and writing principles are expected in all work. Full credit will not be granted for work that contains grammar or spelling errors.

**EVALUATION & GRADING**

The following grading scale will be utilized in the determination of the student’s final course grade:

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| **Grade Percentage** | **Corresponding Letter Grade** |
| 90-100% | A |
| 80-89.5% | B |
| 70-79.5% | C |
| 60-69.5% | D |
| 0-59%  | F |

**A final grade of C or higher is required for University academic credit.**

**FINAL AVERAGE BREAKDOWN**

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| **Assignment Category** | **Percentage of Academic Grade** |
| Performance Examinations | 5% |
| P.O.S.T. Written Examinations | 50% |
| Quizzes | 20% |
| Final Examination | 25% |

**ONLINE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

Reinhardt University offers academic support services for online students through BrainFuse HelpNow. Services include access to live tutors, writing lab assistance, and study center resources. These resources are offered at no additional charge and are available on demand through [Course Resources](https://reinhardtuniversity.instructure.com/courses/9198/pages/course-resources).

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Reinhardt University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Therefore, if you are seeking classroom accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are required to register with the Academic Support Office (ASO). ASO is located in the basement of Lawson Building. Phone is 770-720-5567. To receive academic accommodations for this class, please obtain the proper ASO letters/forms.