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1. **Course Number:** CRJ130  
**Course Title:** Criminal Evidence
2. **Description:** This course is designed to introduce the basic concepts of criminal evidence as applied in the criminal justice environment. It includes a description of the trial process and types of evidence. The course presents principles relating to the United States Constitution and those principles relating to the law enforcement professional as a witness.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
  - Describe the Federal Rules of Evidence and how they are organized.
  - Document a crime scene properly and describe storage methods for evidence.
  - Analyze the rules of evidence as they relate to the United States Constitution.
  - Demonstrate an understanding of the trial process.
  - Apply scientific methods and principles to draw conclusions or make inferences from data.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** None
7. **Semesters Offered:** Fall, Summer
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Students are evaluated on written assignments, class discussions, and examinations.
9. **General Topical Outline:**
  - The Collection and Preservation of Evidence
  - Evidence in the Criminal Justice Process
  - Expert and Lay Witnesses
  - Impeachment and Cross-Examination
  - Hearsay Evidence
  - Authentication of Evidence and the Best Evidence Rule