SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJSA 1392)
SYLLABUS
SCH: 3 LECTURE/0 LAB

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Special topics courses in criminal justice studies are designed to address topics identified as current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of students. The special topics course offered this semester (Spring 2012) focuses on serial crimes, serial criminals, and investigating serial offenses.

COURSE TEXT:

The topic for this course changes with each offering. Once a topic is selected an appropriate text will be selected and included in the syllabus for that semester.

COURSE GOALS / OBJECTIVES:

The goals and objectives for this course are determined by the topic chosen for the semester. Appropriate goals will be added to the syllabus for that semester.

Participation Statement: For Online courses, students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment by the official census date. Students who do not do so, will be dropped from the course.

Each student should anticipate at least one hour out of class preparation for each lecture hour, plus study time preparing for examinations. Attendance is important in this class.

Portable cellular phones, beepers, and similar paging devices may be disruptive to the class, and you are encouraged NOT to bring them into the classroom. If you do bring them to class, please make sure they are turned off. Should they become a nuisance, you may be asked to remove them from the classroom. The wearing of hats and the consumption of food are not allowed in during class, and, pursuant to Midland College Policy 5:14:02, the use of tobacco products (smoking, dipping, chewing, etc.) is prohibited in the building, including the classroom.

Students missing a major examination must make the exam before the next class period unless special arrangements are made. Make-up examinations may be the same as, or different from, the examination given in class. Make-up examinations will cover the same material as the scheduled examination. Failure to make up an examination will result in a grade of zero for the missed exam. No make-up opportunity is available for the final exam. Final exams are not given early or late. The instructor reserves the right to give quizzes, announced or unannounced, at any time. There is no opportunity to make up quizzes that are missed.

The instructor cannot drop students from courses. It is your responsibility to drop a class if you no longer plan to attend and complete the semester. Check the Midland College catalog for the last day to drop a course. You may be limited in the number of courses you can drop, and you may not be entitled to a tuition refund if you drop a course.

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS:
The evaluation of students will be determined according to the topic offered in each semester. Evaluations may include examinations, quizzes, practical exercises, assigned papers, assigned readings, or any combination of these.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**
The class meets for three lecture hours per week.

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**
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Office Hours announced in class and posted on the instructor's door and Canvas site

**Students with Disabilities:** Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students with disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester.