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CJS K100 Perspectives in Criminal Justice

Monday & Wednesday 2:00 – 3:15
Tuesday & Thursday 2:30 – 3:45

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Text:

Lassiter, T., (2005) Three degree of separation. ISBN 1-4208-7404-7

OR

Lassiter, T., (2007) The devil you know. ISBN 978-1-4343-3160-1

Access to the internet and an email address

CJS100 Perspectives in Criminal Justice:

This course is designed to prepare you to enter both the academic discipline of Criminal Justice and to allow you to explore possible career paths. All of the content will be Criminal Justice related. Additionally, this course is designed to promote the development of effective college level listening, reading, writing and research skills.

The Relationship to the IDS 105 First Year Experience course:

As you may be aware, TRCC requires almost all first year students to participate in the First Year Experience course. This course has been added to the Program of Study forms and is a graduation requirement.

By successfully completing this course, a recognized equivalency to IDS 105 First Year Experience, you are exempted from the IDS 105 course. As part of that exemption agreement, it is understood that we will all work together to not only satisfy the goals and objectives of the Perspectives course but to recognize and work to satisfy the goals and objectives of the First Year Experience course.

Course Goals and Objectives

Engage in Collaboration with Faculty and Staff to define academic strengths and weaknesses.

1. Define personal learning styles, personality style and motivation for learning.
2. Apply effective strategies for learning
3. Engage in support services for advising, time management and academic goal setting

Related IDS K105 Goal or objective:

- Make a positive and productive transition to college life
- Develop proactive coping skills and behaviors
- Actively and effectively participate in group assignments and discussions
- Participate in activities/community function on the TRCC campus.
- Understand, articulate and apply self- assessment and decision making skills in achieving family, educational, career and personal goals.

Explore Career opportunities and requirements for hire within the Criminal Justice System.

1. Engage in career counseling, and exploration
2. Take at least one career inventory to describe the self at work
3. Research and present a single career opportunity from a Global, National and State perspective

Related IDS K105 Goal or Objective:

- Establish personal, career and academic goals, with an understanding of are the obstacles to these goals.
- Become aware of and develop attitudes towards tolerance and acceptance of diverse groups and their opinions.

To engage in Critical Thinking

1. To analyze information to determine its quality and utility.
2. To summarize, analyze, evaluate and use argumentation and persuasion.
3. To utilize inductive and deductive thought processes.

Related IDS K105 Goal of Objective:

- Understand, articulate and apply the elements of reasoning
- Formulate appropriate questions and hypotheses
- Use information presented quantitatively to further academic work
- Identify, extract and interpret numerical data from various sources.

To retrieve, evaluate, and use information effectively.

1. To identify information needed to answer questions
2. To access information efficiently
3. To evaluate information and its sources for specified purposes

Related IDS K105 Goal of Objective:

- Learn and employ strategies that avoid plagiarism

To understand and convey ideas in diverse contexts using reading, writing, speaking and listening

1. To comprehend and evaluate written passages.
2. To write clearly.
3. To speak Clearly
4. To understand lectures, arguments, and other speech.

Course Outline:

Week 1	8/29 8/31	Review of course syllabus....community building Kiersey/Vark discussion.	<div>Bring test results to class</div>
Week 2	9/5 9/7	Classes not in session Class discussion on Lassiter Novel	
Week 3	9/12 9/14	Building the essay; active reading Police Chief article in Handbook In class writing	
Week 4	9/19 9/21	Library session: Locate Peer review journal Article & Grissom article in handbook No Formal Class: Work on Kiersey/Vark essay and Journal article essay	
Week 5	9/26 9/28	Lecture on Crime Reading a text book profiling chapter in handbook	<div>Kiersey/Vark essay due</div> <div>Journal article essay due</div>
Week 6	10/3 10/5	<div>Quiz</div> on Crime Lecture & Lassiter novel discussion on Criminal Profiling	
Week 7	10/10 10/12	Book groups form <div>Quiz</div> on text chapter & Lassiter Novel	
Week 8	10/17 10/19	Crime Scene Lecture Research assignment review Critical thinking/ elements of reasoning	
Week 9	10/24 10/26	Lecture continued <div>Quiz</div> on Crime Scene & Thinking, Character Traits & Lassiter novel	<div>Essay on CS process</div>
Week 10	10/31 11/2	Time Management Speaker Goal Setting Speaker Assignment Review in Handbook	
Week 11	11/7 11/9	Literary Genre (the Mystery Novel) Speaker. Class discussion on genre, elements of the novel and Mystery	<div>Crime Scene Research project</div>
Week 12	11/14 11/16	Meet The Author: Timothy Lassiter Continue discussion with author Review Mystery Project options in handbook	
Week 13	11/21 11/23	Class discussion on Project options//individual commitment NO FORMAL CLASS	<div>TM/Goal Setting Project</div>
Week 14	11/28 11/30	Project Check in NO FORMAL CLASS: Work on Mystery Project	
Week 15	12/5 12/7	Peer review of work in classroom NO FORMAL CLASS	
Week 16	12/13 12/15	Poster presentations Poster Presentations	<div>Mystery Project DUE</div>

Instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus.

IF YOU MISS A CLASS Session YOU are responsible to get all information and assignments. Please get a class partner with whom you are able to share information.

Assignments

Week #3: In-class writing	DATE _____
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Article Response: Forensic Science: A fundamental Perspective.

You will be asked to actively engage the article prior to your writing. You will produce a reading response (see handout #1) during the class period.

Week #4: essay = 5%	DATE _____
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Keirsey/Vark assignment.

After taking each of the inventories and studying the web pages, write an essay which describes your temperament strengths and weaknesses. Identify your learning style and determine those study habits that may work best for you. Describe ways in which this exercise is important to your success at TRCC.

Week #5 essay = 10%	DATE _____
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Utilizing the Ramsland article, *The facts about fiction: What Grissom could learn about Forensic psychology*. (Journal of Psychiatry & law 37/Spring09) as well as the peer reviewed journal article you found during the Library Information session, write an essay which includes all the components outlined in Handout # 2, page 1-6.

Week #6 quiz =10%	DATE _____
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Quiz #1 to include information from lecture on Crime and Lassiter Novel

Week #7 quiz =10 %	DATE _____
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Quiz on Text Chapter *The Criminal Profiling Illusion* and Lassiter novel.

Week# 9 quiz =15% essay =15%	DATE _____
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Quiz on the Crime Scene lecture and Critical Thinking, elements of reasoning and intellectual character traits. See Handout #3 in total. Essay describing the relationship between the Crime Scene Analysis, critical thinking and intellectual character traits.

Week #13 15%	DATE _____
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Time Management and Goal setting assignment due. See Handout # 4 for complete instructions

Week #16 20%	DATE _____
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Submit Mystery project. See Handout #5 for options and instructions.

Institutional and course policy statements:

Disabilities Statement:

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the Disabilities Counseling Services at 383-5217 to schedule a confidential meeting with a counselor . To avoid any delay in the receipt of accommodations, you should contact the counselor as soon as possible. Please note that I cannot provide accommodations based upon disability until I have received an accommodation letter from the Disabilities Counselor. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Final Grade Scale

A	=	94 - 100
A-	=	90 - 93
B+	=	87 - 89
B	=	83 - 86
B-	=	80 - 82
C+	=	77 - 79
C	=	73 - 76
C-	=	70 - 72
D+	=	67 - 69
D	=	63 - 66
D-	=	60 - 62
F	=	00 - 59
W	=	Withdrawal
I	=	Incomplete
P / F	=	Pass / Fail
AU	=	Audit

College Withdrawal Policy

A verbal "drop or withdrawal" from course(s) will be accepted through **December 10th, 2011** in accordance with the designated withdrawal policy and deadlines: .

Attendance Policy

Class Attendance Policy

Instructional staff assigned to all sections of credit bearing courses at Three Rivers is required to take attendance at each class meeting and retain accurate records of attendance for at least three calendar years. The manner in which attendance is taken is determined at the professional discretion of the instructor. In certain instances, these records are furnished to the Financial Aid Office and the International Student advisor.

"Regular on-time attendance in this course is expected. There is much that happens during class time that adds to your educational experience beyond what you can learn from just reading and writing in solitude. **To come to college is to join a community of learners.** An athlete who does not attend practice risks losing his/her position on the team. A musician who does not attend rehearsals is usually not allowed to participate in the performance. So, too, it is questionable whether students who develop the habit of missing classes are really part of the class and therefore deserving of credit. Here, then is the attendance policy of the course." (p.79)

Attendance Policy

I will send around an attendance sheet at the beginning of each class. You are responsible for making sure you sign the attendance sheet each day. You may miss two class sessions without penalty. Beginning with your third absence you may lose one percentage point from your final cumulative grade. Save your absence for a legitimate emergency. If you are absent I will assume you have a good reason for being gone. Therefore I do not need doctor's notes or other documentation letting me know why you are absent. If a major emergency arises, let me know by email. Excessive absences – six sessions or more- may result in failure for the course.

If you are absent from class you are still responsible for the work assigned that day as well as the information given out that day. Please attempt to contact fellow classmates to find out what you missed before contacting me."(p.78)

*Adopted from O'Brien (etal)(2008) The course syllabus: A learning approach.
San Francisco, Ca., Jossey-Bass.p.78 & 79

Academic Dishonesty PLAGIARISM

Definitions of Academic Dishonesty

General Definition

(Student Discipline Policy, section 2:10, Board of Trustees of Connecticut Community Colleges)

Academic Dishonesty shall in general mean conduct which has as its intent or effect the false representation of a student's academic performance, including but not limited to (a) cheating on an examination, (b) collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course, (c) plagiarizing, including the submission of others' ideas or papers (whether purchased, borrowed, or otherwise obtained) as one's own, (d) stealing or having unauthorized access to examination or course materials, (e) falsifying records of laboratory or other data, (f) submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course, and (g) knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Academic Dishonesty in a Service Learning, Practicum, Internship, Co-operative, or Fieldwork environment

Conduct in community settings entered by a student as part of coursework must be equally characterized by integrity and honesty. Dishonest conduct proscribed under this policy includes but is not limited to (a) making false statements to community partners about the student's skills, credentials and accomplishments, (b) making false statements to community partners or the instructor about progress in the work the student has agreed to do in the community, including supplying false documentation of work, (c) failing to abide by the rules and policies of the community partners that the student agreed to accept as a condition of entrance into the community setting, (d) failing to return materials belonging to the community partner or instructor (e) violating the ethical principles common to professional researchers, including violation of confidentiality or anonymity agreements with research subjects, deceiving or harming research subjects, or coercing participation in research

Cellular Phones and Beepers: Students are notified that cellular phones and beepers are allowed in class or in the Learning Resource Center only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are phones to be answered in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require that a student be available by phone or beeper, the student should speak to the instructor prior to class so that together they can arrive at an agreement.

Email communication: When corresponding via email to your professor you should put your course name and day/time in subject line. All communication should be transmitted in Proper English format avoiding the use of slang, or vulgarity. Communication should be kept brief and to the subject at hand.

Do not assume that your email has been received. If you do not receive some reply within 48 hours chances are it was not received.

Remember that email will NOT be answered from Thursday evening through Sunday night.

