

# Nottingham Trent University Course Specification GLOBAL SUMMER SCHOOL

	Basic Course information	
1	Course Title:	Crime Investigations
2	Course Code:	GLB_001
3	Credit Points:	10
4	Duration:	10 days
5	School:	Social Sciences
6	Campus:	City
7	Date this version first approved to run:	2022/23

# 8 **Pre, post and co-requisites:**

You should have the required English language skills.

9	Programmes containing the Course			
	<u>Level</u>	Core/Option	Mode Code	<u>Course Title</u>
	5	Option	FT	A constituent of the NTU Global Summer School.

### 10 Overview and aims

This course provides students with an introduction to crime investigation techniques such as statement taking for victim and witnesses, evidence gathering at crime scenes and subsequent management of evidence. The course also includes an introduction to investigative interviewing techniques for suspects utilising police models.

The aims of this course are to:

- Examine fundamental principles, legislation and powers related to conducting investigations and interviews and making comparisons with international concepts
- Explain the appropriate processes for gathering and managing evidence/information that may be pertinent to an investigation
- Define the types of evidence that may be obtained during an investigation
- Provide students with an introduction to the two broad strands of evidence collection, securing
  physical evidence from scenes and securing evidence from people via interviews
- Facilitate an understanding of crime-scene related issues that may be encountered.
- Develop an appreciation of evidence collection, crime scene preservation and an overview of crime scene processes that are a fundamental part of contemporary front-line policing;



### 11 Course content

- Introduction to UK law for Investigative Interviewing.
- The PEACE model for Interviewing and international comparisons.
- Evidence base behind investigative concepts.
- An introduction to police specific documentation for the completion of police statements
- Investigative Interviewing Practical's

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DOCUMENTS/COMPLETED AND CHECKED DOCUMENTS/AIMS AND OBJECTIVES COURSE SHEET.xlsx

## 12 Indicative reading

- Connor, P. (2018) Blackstone's Police Manuals Volume 1: Crime 2019, Oxford: OUP
- Connor, P. et al. (2018) Blackstone's Police Investigator's Manual and Workbook 2019, Oxford: OUP
- Hartley, M. & Connor, P. (2018) Blackstone's Police Operational Handbook 2019: Law, Oxford: OUP
- Shephard, E. & Griffiths, A. (2013) Investigative Interviewing, Edition 2, Oxford: OUP
- Sutton, R. et al. (2017) (eds.) Crime Scene Management: Scene specific methods, Edition 2, London: Wiley-Blackwell
- White, P.C. (2016) *Crime Scene to Court Essentials of Forensic Science*, Edition 4, London: Royal Society of Chemistry.

# 13 **Learning outcomes**

Knowledge and understanding. After studying this course, you should be able to:

- K1. Review the responsibilities of crime scene personnel and outline the steps required to protect a crime scene
- K2. Chart and appraise the impact of key developments in police interview techniques on contemporary practices
- K3. Assess legal and organisational requirements in relation to the interviewing of suspects, witnesses and victims and appraise the need for evidence-based policing within an investigation context

Skills, qualities and attributes. After studying this course, you should be able to:

- S1. Identify the correct recovery techniques for a range of trace evidence types
- S2. Manage information relating to crime investigation
- S3. Perform interviews in line with legal process and police policy

14	Learning and teaching			
	Range of modes of direct contact			
	Lectures, workshops and scenario simulations			
	Total contact hours:	50		
Range of other learning methods				
	Directed Reading, watching highlighted documentaries supplementing learning and teaching activities.			
	Total non-contact hours:	10		



15 Assessment methods

<u>Element</u> <u>Weighting</u> <u>Type</u> <u>Description (include any sub-elements)</u>

<u>number</u>

1 100% Practical Simulation / Case Study Police Witness Statement

# Diagnostic/formative assessment

Investigative Interview

Mock case studies, interview workshops and reflective sessions to prepare the students for the summative assessments.

Verbal and written feedback will be given to the students in a timely fashion to ensure that they reflect and prepare for the assessment.

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