



Horry-Georgetown
Technical College

COURSE INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

CRJ 203

Forensic Photography

Effective Term

Fall 2026/Spring 2027/Summer 2027

Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: CRJ 203

COURSE TITLE: Forensic Photography

CONTACT HOURS: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

Forensic Photography provides the student with preliminary skills in photography in general and crime scene photography in particular. The competencies developed in the course will allow a student to understand the relationship between elements of crime scene process including photography, crime scene sketching, and evidence collection, and transcend that understanding into application in the position of a law enforcement officer.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to introduce students to procedures for photographic documentation of crime scenes and physical evidence, including preparation of court exhibits and in-court presentations.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

((SAT Critical Reading 300) or (ACT Reading 12 and ACT English 10) or (Multiple Measures English 1) or (Writing Sample ENG101 1 or WS ENG101 with Lab 1 or Writing Sample ENG155 1) or (Credit level [ENG 101](#) Minimum Grade of C or Credit level [ENG 155](#) Minimum Grade of C or Credit level [ENG 101](#) Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level [ENG 155](#) Minimum Grade of TC)) and Background Check Form 1

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

- Robinson, E (2016). Crime scene photography (3rd ed.). Maryland Heights, MO: Elsevier.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials.
- Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.
- College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.
- All criminal justice courses, whether traditional, hybrid, or online, require students to access the course in D2L through a personal computer.

Therefore, students should have reliable access to a computer with a dependable Internet connection to be successful in this course or any criminal justice course. Students will be required to access, download, or print material from the course in D2L, which is accessible through MyCourses and the student's myHGTC account. Students should pay particular attention to the course outline under Content as well as the course calendar. Students will be able to monitor grades and attendance through the course in D2L. Criminal justice courses, whether traditional, hybrid, or online, **require** students to complete some, if not all, course work – assignments, exams, and other activities – through an online environment in D2L. Traditional and hybrid require students to complete a portion of the required work online. The amount of online activity depends on the format of the course; therefore, students should pay particular attention to the course information and documents. Courses with an online component move very rapidly with graded requirements typically due each week. Students **must** be aware of the calendar and mindful of updates and announcements; therefore, a student **must** have access to a reliable computer and a dependable Internet connection. Criminal justice courses use D2L as a platform for course activities.

- When having technology problems find another computer. Computers are open to students at numerous locations on all three campuses of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, including open computer labs and libraries. There are computers available for use in other public locations, including

public libraries. A final option would be to contact a friend or relative to borrow a computer. When technology issues are related to the system (i.e., D2L and myHGTC), and not the result of a broken computer, you should contact TECH Central at (843) 349-8324 or

https://www.hgtc.edu/admissions/student_information/index.html.

Technology issues or technical problems are ***not*** an acceptable excuse should there be a course requirement that ***must*** be completed through D2L. When having difficulty with accessing the course or its components, or email function, it is a good idea to notify the course professor about the problem or difficulty.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION:

The Add/Drop Period is the first 7 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format classes. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly

IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to complete identity verification. Please refer to your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS:

Each semester, students are provided with an opportunity to participate in course evaluation surveys. These evaluations offer crucial feedback to instructors and the College, leading to enhancement of educational quality. By completing these surveys, you play a key role in the ongoing improvement of teaching methods and course content, ensuring future students enjoy a better learning experience. Students are encouraged to complete these surveys as your active participation in this process reflects your dedication to your education and drives positive change.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE AND STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

To ensure a positive College experience, guidelines exist in numerous areas of campus life. The Student Code for The South Carolina Technical College System "The Student Code" (3-2-106.1) applies to all HGTC students. The Student Code sets forth rights and responsibilities of the individual student, identifies behaviors that are not consistent with the values of college communities, and describes the procedures that will be followed to adjudicate cases of alleged misconduct. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a civil manner, that is respectful of the rights of others, and that is compatible with the college's educational mission. Students are expected to comply with all of the college's duly established rules and regulations regarding student behavior while on campus; while participating in off-campus college sponsored activities; and while participating in off-campus clinical, field, internship, or in-service experiences. Students are expected to comply with all course requirements as specified by instructors in course syllabi and to meet the standards of acceptable classroom behavior set by instructors. For more information, login to your myHGTC account under "Student Rights and Responsibilities" card then select "Student Code of Conduct" or the "Student Catalog and Handbook."

NETIQUETTE: is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

Week #1	Materials Covered: History of Forensic Imaging Read Chapter 1 Review MS Power Point Presentations - Chapter 1. Student Outcome: Understand the History of Forensic
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	Photography Student Outcome: Describe the History of Forensic Imaging Student Outcome: Explain the Practical Value of Forensic Photography Assessments: 1. Written Exercise #1 2. Week #1 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #2	Materials Covered: Composition and Cardinal Rules Read Chapter 2 Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 2. Student Outcome: Describe the difference between Point and Shoot Cameras vs Professional Cameras and how each operates and is use. Student Outcome: Describe what Composition is and how it is used. Understand what the Cardinal Rules of photography are and how they apply. Student Outcome: Describe the Cardinal Rules of Crime Scene Photography and how they apply. Assessments: 1. Written Exercise #2 2. Week #2 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #3	Materials Covered: Exposure Concepts Read Chapter 3 Review all key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 3 Student Outcome: Describe and explain how to use the Proper Exposure Triangle Student Outcome: Describe and explain Reciprocal Exposure

	Student Outcome: Describe Bracketing and how it is applied to crime scene work. Student Outcome: Describe and evaluate Shutter Speed as Motion Control Student Outcome: Describe and explain The Reflective Light Meter Student Outcome: Describe and explain the issues with normal and non-normal scenes. Assessments: 1. Written Exercise #3 2. Week #3 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #4	Materials Covered: Focus, Depth of Field, & Lenses Read Chapter 4 Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 4 Student Outcome: Student Outcome: Describe and explain what camera focus is and how it is used in crime scene work. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Depth of Field and its application. Student Outcome: Describe and explain the different types of Lenses and their uses. Assessments: 1. Written Exercises #4 2. Week #4 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #5	Materials Covered: Electronic Flash Read Chapter 5 Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 5 Student Outcome: Student Outcome: Describe and explain

	Flash Sync Speeds and how they are used. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Manual Flash and how it is used. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Fill Flash and how it is used. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Oblique Light and how it is used. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Bounce Flash and how it is used. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Painting with Light and how it is used. Assessments: 1. Midterm Exam 2. Week #5 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #6	Materials Covered: Crime Scene Photography Read Chapter 6 Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 6 Student Outcome: Student Outcome: Describe and explain Photo Documentation Forms and how they are used. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Overall Photographs and how they are used for documentation. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Midrange Photographs and how they are used for documentation. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Close-up Photographs and how they are used for documentation. Student Outcome: Describe and explain and how to Photo Document of Bodies & Wounds Assessments: 1. Written Exercises #5 2. Week #6 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).

Week #7	Materials Covered: Ultraviolet, Infrared, and Florescence Read Chapter 7 Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 7 Student Outcome: Describe and explain what The Electromagnetic Spectrum (EMS) is and how it applies to photography. Student Outcome: Describe and explain what Ultraviolet Light (UV) is and how it is used in forensic photography. Student Outcome: Describe and explain what Infrared Light (IR) is and how it is used in forensic photography. Student Outcome: Describe and explain what Visible Light Fluorescence is and how it is used in forensic photography. Assessments: 1. Written Exercises #6 2. Week #7 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #8	Materials Covered: Special Photography Situations Read Chapter 9 focus on accident photography. Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 9 Student Outcome: Describe and explain Special Photography Situations and how they affect crime scene work. Assessments: 1. Written Exercises #7 2. Week #8 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #9	Legal issues related to Photographs and Digital Images. Read Chapter 10 –11 Review the key terms.

	Focus on key terms JPG, RAW, and TIF formats. Student Outcome: Describe and explain Digital Imaging Technology and how it is used in forensic work Student Outcome: Explain what Digital Image Processing of Evidentiary Photos is and how it pertains to forensic photography. Student Outcome: Explain the Legal Issues Related to Photographs and Digital Images Assessments: 1. Written Exercises #8 2. Week #9 Photographic Exercise (Dropbox/PowerPoint).
Week #10	Materials Covered: Legal issues related to Photographs and Digital Images. Read Chapter 12 Review the key terms. Review MS Power Point Presentations – Chapter 12 Student Outcome: Describe and explain what the Legal Issues Related to Photographs and Digital Images are and how they are used in a court setting. Assessments: 1. Final Exam 2. Forensic Photography Final Project (In the Drop-Box)

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*:

Students’ performance will be assessed, and the weight associated with the

various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Tests	22.5%
Lab Assignments	31.5%
Papers	26.0%
<u>Final Project</u>	<u>20.0%</u>
	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

Please note the College adheres to a 10-point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89–80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 – Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student, and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

For online and hybrid courses, refer to your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. In online courses, attendance is fulfilled through the submission of academic work. Please be aware that instructors may

require exams to be proctored either online or at an approved testing site. If you choose to use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, that center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources



THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers all students the following **free** resources:

1. Academic tutors for most subject areas, Writing Center support, and Academic Coaching for college success skills.
2. Online tutoring and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication coaching.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring or coaching, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email sstc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the SSTC [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.

STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER – TECH Central:



TECH Central offers all students the following **free** resources:

1. Getting around HGTC: General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. In-person and remote assistance are available for Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
3. Chat with our staff on TECH Talk, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552. Visit the [Tech Central website](#) for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. You may also call (843) 349-5199.

HGTC LIBRARY:



Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may

check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries have librarians and staff who can aid with research, computers to support academic research and related school-work, and individual/group study rooms. Printing is available as well at each location. Visit the [Library](#) website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in HGTC courses may occur during regularly scheduled class time or online, with or without proctoring. Tests may be delivered in the following formats:

- Digitally through D2L
- In writing on paper
- Through a publisher platform (note: some publisher platforms carry an associated fee)

Tests may include time limits and may require proctoring depending on the course.

When proctoring is required and is not provided by the course instructor in the classroom, students may complete their test face-to-face at an [HGTC Testing Center](#) or another approved testing site, or online using HGTC's online proctoring provider. For more information about available proctoring options, visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC Testing Center webpage.

Students testing at an HGTC Testing Center should note the following:

- **Appointments must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.**
- **A physical, government-issued photo ID is required to test.**

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

DISABILITY SERVICES:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodations are encouraged to visit HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#) for detailed information.

It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide appropriate documentation. Once documentation is submitted, the student will participate in an interactive process with Accessibility and Disability Services staff to determine reasonable accommodations. Students may begin the accommodations process at any time; however, accommodations are **not retroactive** and will only be applied from the point at which they are approved. Students must contact the office **each semester** to renew their accommodations.

For assistance, please contact the Accessibility and Disability Services team at disabilityservices@hgtc.edu or 843-796-8818 (call or text).

COUNSELING SERVICES:

HGTC Counseling Services strives to optimize student success through managing personal and academic concerns that may interfere with achieving educational goals. Staff are available to every student for assistance and guidance on personal matters, academic concerns and other areas of concern. HGTC offers free in-person and telehealth counseling services to students. For more information about counseling services, please reach out to counseling@hgtc.edu or visit the website the [Counseling Services webpage](#).

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Our sincere commitment to both effective business management and equitable treatment of our employees requires that we present this Policy Statement as an embodiment of that commitment to the fullest.

Discrimination is conduct that includes unjust or prejudicial treatment based upon an individual's age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, and genetic information or any other protected classes deemed unlawful under State or Federal law that excludes an individual from participation in, denies the individual the benefits of, treats the individual differently, or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of a person's working or learning environment. This includes failing to provide reasonable accommodation, consistent with state and federal law, to persons with disabilities.

All inquiries regarding the federal laws as they relate to discrimination on the basis of sex may be directed to Jen Riddei, Title IX Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown

Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, 843-349-5218, Jenifer.Riddei@hgtc.edu.

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to Dr. Melissa Batten, Vice President, Student Affairs, and Section 504 & Title II Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107A, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966-6066, 843-349-5228, Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu.

Employee and applicant inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College may be directed to Jacquelyne Snyder, Vice President, Human Resources and Employee Relations and the College's Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 200C, Room 205B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5212, Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu.

TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination.

HGTC prohibits the offenses of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and will provide students, faculty, and staff with necessary information regarding prevention, policies, procedures, and resources.

Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that they have been a victim of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking may file a report with the college's Title IX Coordinator or campus law enforcement*.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report these incidents to the Title IX Coordinator when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

All inquiries regarding the federal laws as they relate to discrimination on the basis of sex may be directed to Jen Riddei, Title IX Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, 843-349-5218, Jenifer.Riddei@hgtc.edu.

PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

Under Title IX, colleges must not exclude a pregnant student from participating in any part of an educational program. Horry-Georgetown Technical College is committed to ensuring that pregnant students receive reasonable accommodations to ensure access to our educational programs.

Students should advise the Title IX Coordinator of a potential need for accommodations as soon as they know they are pregnant. It is extremely important that communication between student, instructors, and the Title IX Coordinator begin as soon as possible. Each situation is unique and will be addressed individually.

Title IX accommodations DO NOT apply to Financial Aid. Financial Aid regulations do not give the College any discretion in terms of Financial Aid eligibility.

Certain educational programs may have strict certification requirements or requirements mandated by outside regulatory agencies. Therefore, in some programs, the application of Title IX accommodations may be limited.

To request pregnancy accommodations, please complete the *Pregnancy Intake Form* that can be found [here](#).