

FIRE 2630 - Fire Investigation Methods

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 43353,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

2630. Fire Investigation Methods. This course is intended to give the student the basic technical knowledge needed for proper fire scene interpretations, including recognizing and conducting origin and cause, preservation of evidence and factual reporting, scene security, motives of the arsonist, and types of fire causes. Prereq.: FIRE 2602. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services (6yh edition)	Klinoff	978-1284180152

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Klinoff chapters 1 and 2		Discussion, Assignment, and Quizzes
10/26	Klinoff chapters 3 and 4		Discussion, Journal, and Quizzes
11/2	Klinoff chapters 5, 6, and 7		Discussion, Quizzes, and Assignment
11/9	Klinoff chapters 8 and 9		Discussion, Quizzes, and Journal
11/16	Klinoff chapters 10, 11, and 12		Discussion, Quizzes, and Assignment
11/23	Klinoff chapters 13 and 15		Discussion, Quizzes, and Journal
11/30	Klinoff chapter 14		Discussion, Quiz, Assignment, Journal, and Final Project

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