

**The University of Mississippi**  
**National Center for Justice and Rule of Law**  
**CF204 – Search and Seizure of Computers and Electronic Evidence**

**Course Overview**

**Course Description:**

The instruction for the CF204 is provided by the National Center for Justice and Rule of Law at The University of Mississippi. The course is an introduction to the legal aspects associated with electronic evidence and digital crime.

**Course Objective:**

Upon completion of the course students will be familiar with the legal elements surrounding digital crime and electronic evidence. This course will better prepare students for legal issues that may arise during the course of their digital forensic investigations.

**Course Topics:**

- Elements of a valid search warrant
- Establishing probable cause
  - Part A: Is there probable cause to believe that evidence is on a known suspect's computer?
  - Part B: Given a known crime, identifying the person who committed it by using electronic evidence.
  - Part C: Is there probable cause to believe that evidence is on a known suspect's computer?
- Private searches and expectation issues
- Exigent circumstances
- Overview of motions hearing
- Affidavits – elements of, expertise of affiant, drafting exercise

**Completion Conditions:**

A student is considered to have completed the CF204 course if he or she attends the entire course, and satisfactorily completes the assigned exercises/tasks/tests. Upon completion each student will be presented with a Certificate of Completion.