

AJ 51A Course Outline as of Fall 2009**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: AJ 51A Title: BASIC CRIMNL INVEST

Full Title: Basic Criminal Investigation

Last Reviewed: 12/13/2021

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	17.5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

Basic principles of criminal investigation and evidence as they apply to the justice system.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion of AJ 22 (or AJ 50), and AJ 51 (or AJ 54), and AJ 55

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1981	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

CID Descriptor: AJ 140 Criminal Investigation
SRJC Equivalent Course(s): AJ57

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the basic steps in conducting a preliminary investigation.
2. Evaluate the legal aspects of admissions and confession and give examples of when a statement is legally obtained.
3. Formulate the basic steps in preparing for an interview or an interrogation in conducting a criminal investigation.
4. Identify and list the evidentiary and legal aspects of an infield showup, photographic lineup, physical lineup, and other non-witness methods of identification.
5. Compile a list of investigative resources available on the local, state and federal level.
6. Illustrate examples of the theory of transfer involving physical evidence at a crime scene.
7. Analyze the role of various expert witnesses that can assist in a criminal investigation.
8. Analyze the legal steps in conducting a crime scene search.
9. Determine the investigative aspects of search and seizure.
10. Determine the investigative aspects of corpus delicti.
11. Define basic investigative vocabulary from Learning Domain #30 (Preliminary Investigation) prescribed by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Topics and Scope:

1. Introduction to preliminary investigation
 - a. Proceeding to the scene
 - b. Rendering aid to the injured
 - c. Arresting of the suspect

- d. Locating and identifying witnesses
 - e. Interviewing witnesses
 - f. Securing the crime scene
 - g. Interrogating the suspect
 - h. Noting crime scene conditions and events
 - i. Arranging for the collection of evidence
 - j. Report writing
 - k. Yielding to follow-up investigators
2. Investigative aspects of search and seizure
 - a. Emergency searches of crime scenes
 - b. Crime scene search warrants
 - c. Administrative, probation and parole searches
 - d. Legal aspects in the physical seizure of evidence
 3. Investigative aspects of admissions and confessions
 - a. Miranda Rule
 - b. Admonition and waiver of rights
 - c. Counsel issues
 - d. Questioning after assertion of rights
 - e. When Miranda does not apply
 - f. Miranda and minors
 - g. Attenuation and impeachment
 4. Investigative aspects of lineups, showups, and other methods of identification
 - a. Infield showup
 - b. Photographic lineup
 - c. Physical lineup
 - d. Other non-witness methods of identifications
 5. Investigative aspects of corpus delicti - common crimes
 - a. Murder and manslaughter
 - b. Robbery
 - c. Rape and sex crimes
 - d. Aggravated assault
 - e. Cohabitation abuse
 - f. Burglary
 - g. Theft
 - h. Review of Evidence Code provisions relating to criminal investigations
 6. Investigative resources
 - a. California Department of Justice
 - b. Criminalistics - Bureau of Forensic Services
 - c. Federal resources
 - d. Local resources - task force operations
 - e. Expert witnesses

Assignment:

1. Two examinations consisting of multiple-choice or short answer questions.
2. Eight written assignments on the corpus delicti of crimes, laws of arrest, case law pertaining to search and seizure and Miranda, and relevant provisions of the California Evidence Code that apply in a criminal investigation.
3. Four written assignments covering internet research on resources

applicable to a criminal investigation.

4. Group research project: oral group presentation from prepared questions evaluated by an oral board comprised of experienced investigators.

5. Completion of a course workbook on investigative areas of Search and Seizure, Miranda, and Methods of Identification.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written homework, research project, internet research projects

Writing
20 - 40%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Course workbook problems

Problem solving
15 - 30%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, true/false, matching items, short essay; oral board examination

Exams
35 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Workbook exercises.

Other Category
5 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Preliminary Investigation: Basic Course Student Workbook, LD#30, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, State of California: current edition.

California Criminal Evidence Guide. 8th ed. Hill, Raymond. Halleck Creek Publishing: 2008.

California Criminal Evidence Guide: Student Workbook, Bowling, Ray. Halleck Creek Publishing, 2008.

California Penal Code. State of California: current edition.