AJ 51A Course Outline as of Spring 2012

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 ApplicableGrading:Grade OnlyRepeatability:00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NPAlso 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, AJ 51, and AJ 55

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: CSU GE:	Area Transfer Area	I		Effective: Effective:	Inactive: 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.

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 identification methods
 - 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. Read 10 - 20 pages weekly

2. Written assignments including analysis of corpus delicti of California criminal law, case briefs, criminal procedures pertaining to search, seizure, arrest, and evidence (4-8 assignments)

- 3. Completion of course workbook on investigative procedures and rules
- 4. Group research project and presentation
- 5. Two to three exams

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 and research project

Writing 20 - 40%

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

Workbook problems and research project presentation

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

None

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

Exams

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

None

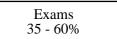
Representative Textbooks and Materials:

California Criminal Evidence Guide (8th). Hill, Raymond. Halleck Creek Publishing: 2010 California Criminal Evidence Guide: Student Workbook, Bowling, Ray. Halleck Creek Publishing, 2010 California Penal Code. State of California: current annual edition

Instructor prepared materials

Problem solving 15 - 30%

Skill Demonstrations				
0 - 0%				



Other Category 0 - 0%