



ADMJ 124 - Introduction to Investigation Course Outline

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SECTION A

Unique ID Number CCC000185860

Discipline(s) Administration of Justice

Division Criminal Justice Training

Subject Area Administration of Justice

Subject Code ADMJ

Course Number 124

Course Title Introduction to Investigation

TOP Code/SAM Code 2105.00 - Criminal Justice/Police Science* / C - Occupational

Rationale for adding this course to the curriculum Periodic course update, textbook update, revision of course learning outcomes.

Units 3

Cross List N/A

Typical Course Weeks 18

Total Instructional Hours

Contact Hours

Lecture 54.00

Lab 0.00

Activity 0.00

Work Experience 0.00

Outside of Class Hours 108.00

Total Contact Hours 54

Total Student Hours 162

Open Entry/Open Exit No

Maximum Enrollment 35

Grading Option Letter Grade or P/NP

Distance Education Mode of Instruction On-Campus
Hybrid
Entirely Online

SECTION B

General Education Information:

SECTION C

Course Description

Repeatability May be repeated 0 times

Catalog This course addresses the techniques, procedures, and ethical issues in the
Description investigation of crime, including organization of the investigative process, crime scene searches, interviewing and interrogating, surveillance, sources of information, utility of evidence, scientific analysis of evidence and the role of the investigator in the trial process.

Schedule
Description

- H. Interviewing (witness identification)
- I. Interrogation techniques
- J. Physical evidence
- K. Laboratories
- L. Ethical challenges
- M. Surveillance
- N. Sources of information
- O. Trial process
- P.

4. Methods of Instruction:

Lecture:

Other:

to prevent unauthorized computer access to student records.

2.

Access <http://icje.org/id114.htm> and identify two entrapment problems in handling informants.

B. Writing Assignments

1.

After collecting/evaluating the available evidence, prepare a summary which details the following objectives of a legal inquiry:

- a. Did a criminal violation as described in a code or statute occur?
- b. Where and at what time and date did the crime occur?
- c. Who were the individuals involved in the planning, execution and after effects of the violation?
- d. Are there any witnesses to the criminal activity?
- e. Is there evidence of the offense?
- f. In what manner or by what method was the crime committed?
- g. Is there any indication of guilt or innocence to aid the judicial officials in going forward with a criminal case?

2.

Given a mock crime scene, locate, protect, recover, package, or present any relevant evidence in a legally competent manner.

C. Other Assignments

1.

Prepare a research paper on the history and development of a current "gang" operating in California. What investigative techniques identified in this course would law enforcement agencies most likely use when obtaining evidence to prosecute them?

2.

After doing research, briefly explain how the breathalyzer, the polygraph, and the spectrophotometer operate in terms of the analysis of evidence.

7. Required Materials

A. EXAMPLES of typical college-level textbooks (for degree-applicable courses) or other print materials.

Book #1:

Author: Lyman, Michael D.
Title: Criminal Investigation
Publisher: Pearson
Date of Publication: 2020
Edition: 9th