

Administration of Justice Department
San Jose State University
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AJ 113 Introduction to Forensic Sciences

Course Contents: This course is designed to acquaint the students with the methods and practices of the crime lab, including recognition, collection, and identification of physical evidence

Course Format: lecture, guest speakers, video tapes, slides and overheads

Course Text: Richard Saferstein, Criminalistics, an Introduction to Forensic Sciences, 6th ed., Prentice Hall, Inc, 1997
Basic Techniques in Criminalistics, 2nd ed., Spartan Bookstore

Course Requirements:

- A. Two exams will be given in this Course
Midterm: 4/4/00
Final: 5/24/00
Exam format: multiple choice, true/ false, short essay. Bring a No. 2 pencil and scan-tron form 882
- B. Lab Project: due at the end of the semester
- C. Attendance/participation: There are 15 classes, all students are expected to attend 12 out of 15 classes to receive the 100 points. All lab classes must be made up. The attendance sheet must be signed for each class to receive credit

Grading:

Midterm	200	Total Possible Points: 600
Final	200	540-600 : A
Attendance	100	480-539: B
Project	100	420-479: C
		360-419: D
		<360: F

Lab Fee: A lab fee of \$15.00 is payable at the University Cashier's Office, deposited under 7511192260
ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR RECEIPTS TO CLASS TO BE OFFICIALLY ENROLLED

Class Schedule

Date	Chapters	Lecture
2/1/00	1, 2, 3	Introduction to Criminalistics, processing the crime scene, collection of evidence physical evidence and physical matches
2/8/00	4, 8	Glass, hair, fibers, paint, soil
2/15/00		Lab class
2/22/00	14, 16, 11	Fingerprints, arson, overview of questioned documents
2/29/00		Questioned documents. Guest Speaker Nancy Cole
3/7/00		Lab class
3/14/00		Evidence in actual cases.. Guest Speaker Lowell Bradford
3/21/00	15,6	Firearms and toolmarks: bullet and cartridge cases, serial number restoration etc.
3/28/00		Spring Break
4/4/00		Midterm
4/11/00	10, handouts, 5	Alcohol, field sobriety tests; breath alcohol testing devices, Lab class
4/18/00	9, 10, handouts	Drugs, DRE exams
4/25/00	9	Narcotics, clandestine labs
5/2/00	12, 13	DNA and serology
5/9/00		Lab Class
5/16/00		Review
5/24/00		Final Exam