AJ020 – PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION
COURSE SYLLABUS
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INSTRUCTOR

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REQUIRED TEXT


COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide an introduction to both criminal and private investigation. Students will learn the necessary steps involved to conduct investigations for crimes against persons and property. They will learn the step by step process beginning with the preliminary investigation, the collection and processing of evidence, and the identification, interviewing and arresting of suspects.

CLASS SCHEDULE

The class will meet each Friday from 12:00 PM. until 2:45 PM. The lecture and reading assignments are tentative pending class discussion, guest speakers and overall pace of the class. (See reverse side for schedule)

GRADING

Students will be graded on a 100 point system. (100-90 points = A, 80-89 points = B, 70-79 points = C), The points will be awarded according to the following guidelines:

1. One midterm exam, Friday, October 12 @ 12:00 PM. which will be worth 30 points.
2. One final exam, (date to be announced) which will be worth 30 points.
3. One oral presentation which will be worth 30 points.
   ♦ 10-15 minutes on any related topic of private or criminal investigation.
   ♦ Students must prepare an outline and bibliography for me which must be turned in the day of the presentation.
   ♦ Prepare one multiple choice question (on a separate piece of paper) from your presentation which I may use on either the midterm or final exam.
4. Class participation which will be worth 10 points.
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| Aug. 31  | Course Introduction  
Historical Background  
What is an Investigation (Chps. 1-2) | Nov. 2   | Field Trip  
Santa Clara County  
Coroner's Office |
| Sept. 7  | Who Conducts Investigations  
Characteristics of a Good Invest.  
How Investigations are Initiated (Chps. 3-5) | Nov. 9   | Collecting and Preserving Evidence (Chp. 20 and Chp. 12) |
| Sept. 14 | The Preliminary Investigation  
Jurisdictional Issues  
Crime Scene Examination  
Investigative Photography (Chps. 6-8) | Nov. 16  | Types of Evidence  
The Laboratory (Chp. 12 and Chp. 13) |
| Sept. 21 | Crime Scene Sketches  
Searches in General Crime Scene Searches (Chp. 8 and Chp. 20) | Nov. 23  | THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL |
| Sept. 28 | Guest Speaker  
Sgt. Wiley  
SJPD Homicide / Crime Scene | Nov. 30  | Sexual Assault  
Typology of Rapists  
Class Exercise |
| Oct. 5   | Interview and Interrogation  
Locating & Interviewing Witnesses  
Interrogating the Suspect (Chp. 10 and Chp. 14) | Dec. 7   | Crimes of Violence (Chapter 15) |
| Oct. 12  | MIDTERM EXAM  (Friday) | Dec. 20  | FINAL EXAM  (Thursday) 12:00 P.M. |
|          | Oct. 19          | Identifying and Arresting Suspects |          | |
|          | Oct. 26          | Guest Speaker  
Officer Gil Zamora  
SJPD Artist |          | |