INSTRUCTOR

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REQUIRED TEXT


COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide an introduction to both criminal and private investigations. Students will first learn about the evolution of policing and then learn about the procedures involved in conducting investigations for crimes against persons and property. They will then learn the step by step process of any investigation, 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 class 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, March 12 @ 12:00 PM, which will be worth **30 points**.
2. One final exam, Friday, May 14 @ 12:00 PM 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**.
# TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

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| Jan. 30   | Course Introduction  
Historical Background  
What is an Investigation  (Chps. 1-2) | April 16  | Types of Evidence  
The Laboratory  
(Chap. 12 & Chap. 13) |
| Feb. 6    | Who Conducts Investigations  
Characteristics of a Good Invest.  
How Investigations are Initiated  (Chps. 3-5) | April 23  | Sexual Assault  
Typology of Rapists  
Class Exercise |
| Feb. 13   | The Preliminary Investigation  
Jurisdictional Issues  
Crime Scene Examination  
Investigative Photography  (Chapters 6-8) | April 30  | Homicide / Death  
(Instructor’s Notes) |
| Feb. 20   | Crime Scene Sketches  
Searches in General  
Crime Scene Searches  (Chp. 8 and Chp. 20) | May 7     | Homicide / Death  
(Instructor’s Notes) |
| Feb. 27   | GUEST SPEAKER  
Sgt. Edgardo Garcia  
SJPD Homicide | May 14    | **FINAL EXAM** |
|           |                                                                        |           |                                                                      |
| March 5   | Interviewing and Interrogation  
Locating and Interviewing Wit.  
Interrogating Suspects  (Chap. 10 and Chap. 14) |           |                                                                      |
| March 12  | **MIDTERM EXAM**                                                      |           |                                                                      |
| March 19  | Identifying and Arresting Suspects  
(Instructor’s Notes) |           |                                                                      |
| March 26  | Identifying and Arresting Suspects |           |                                                                      |
| April 2   | **NO CLASS (Spring Break)**                                          |           |                                                                      |
| April 9   | Collecting and Preserving Evidence  (Chap. 20 and Chap. 12)            |           |                                                                      |