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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:** Physical Evidence in Forensic Science, Henry Lee and Howard Harris, Lawyers and Judges Publishing Company AND Investigation a Homicide, Timothy Sweetman and Adele Sweetman, Copperhouse Publishing Company

### Course Requirements:

- A. Two exams will be given in this Course  
Midterm: 10/23/00  
Final: 12/18/00  
Exam format: multiple choice, true/ false, short essay. Bring a No. 2 pencil and scan-tron form 882
- B. Project: due at the end of the semester
- C. Attendance/participation: There are 15 classes, all students are expected to attend and participate in 12 out of 15 classes to receive the 100 points. The attendance sheet must be signed for each class to receive credit
- D. Students will utilize the workbook for participation

### 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

## Class Schedule

Date	Pages	Lecture
8/28/00	3-30	Introduction to Criminalistics, processing the crime scene, collection of evidence physical evidence and physical matches
9/11/00	173-178 157-162	Glass, hair
9/18/00	33-42 71-73, 239-242	Arson, bombs, explosives, toolmarks
9/25/00	131-144 181-192	fingerprints, imprint/impression evidence
10/2/00	125-129 99-112	Questioned documents, fibers.
10/9/00		Guest Speaker "Trace Evidence"
10/16/00	147-155 227-229	Firearms, bullet and cartridge cases, serial number restoration etc.
10/23/00		Midterm
10/30/00	257-269	Legal Aspects, Expert Witness
11/6/00	handouts	Alcohol, field sobriety tests, breath alcohol testing devices
11/13/00	handouts	Drugs, DRE exams
11/20/00	77-80, 113-121	Narcotics, clandestine labs
11/27/00	49-68, 87-95	DNA and serology
12/4/00		Misc. issues
12/11/00		Review
12/18/00		Final Exam

\* All pages listed are in the Physical Evidence in Forensic Science. Workbook assignments will be given each week.