

AJ020 – PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION
COURSE SYLLABUS
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INSTRUCTOR

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REQUIRED TEXT

Harvey Burstein, Criminal Investigation An Introduction, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, Prentice Hall Inc.

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**.

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
Aug. 31	Course Introduction Historical Background What is an Investigation (Chps. 1-2)	Nov. 2	<i>Field Trip</i> 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	<i>Guest Speaker</i> 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 (Friday)	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>	Dec. 20 (Thursday)	<u>FINAL EXAM</u> 12:00 P.M.
Oct. 19	Identifying and Arresting Suspects		
Oct. 26	<i>Guest Speaker</i> Officer Gil Zamora SJPD Artist		