

CRIMINALISTICS
AJ112 / SPRING SEMESTER, 2003

INSTRUCTOR

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REQUIRED TEXT

Robert r. Ogle, Jr., Forensic Scientist, Crime Scene Investigation and Physical Evidence Manual, Robert R. Ogle, Jr., 124 Valley Oak Lane, Vallejo, CA 2nd Edition

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide an overview of crime scene investigations and the process of searching for, identifying and collecting physical evidence. Initially, students will learn the history and development of criminal evidence and the constitutional rules which apply to any crime scene investigation. Students will then learn the specific principles involved in crime scene photography, sketches, and the collection of the following types of evidence: 1) Latent Fingerprints, 2) Hair and Fiber Evidence, 3) Glass, Paint and Soil Evidence, 4) Blood and Bloodstain Evidence, 5) Semen and Evidence of Sexual Assault, 6) Firearms Evidence 7) Impression Evidence 8) and Evidence Related to Homicide Investigations.

CLASS SCHEDULE

The class will meet each Friday from 12:00 P.M. until 2:45 P.M. (except during spring break). The lecture and reading assignments will be tentative pending class discussion, guest speakers and overall pace of the class.

GRADING

The course grade will be based upon a **100 point system** for the semester. Students will be graded according to the following guidelines:

1. **One Midterm Exam** – (date to be announced) which will account for **30%** of the overall course grade.
2. **One Final Exam** – (date to be announced) which will account for **30%** of the overall class grade.
3. **One Oral Presentation** – which will account for **30%** of the overall course grade.
 - ◆ The presentation should last for approximately 10-15 minutes.
 - ◆ It may be on any related topic of criminalistics or crime scene investigation, however, it must first be approved by me.
 - ◆ Students must prepare: 1) **An outline**, 2) **A bibliography** and 3) **One multiple-choice question** which must be turned in the day of the presentation.
4. **Class Participation** – during discussions of lecture material and case exemplars which will account for **10%** of the overall course grade.