

Administration of Justice Department
San Jose State University
Spring 2003
Th 1730-2015

Instructor: Lisa M. Brewer
Office Hours: Th 2015-2115
Lab Assistant: Jeremiah Garrido
Day phone: 299-2224 x2575
Email: lbrewer@crime.lab.co.santa-clara.ca.us

AJ 113 Introduction to Forensic Sciences

Course Content

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the methods and practices of the forensic laboratory, including recognition, collection and identification of physical evidence.

Course Text

Saferstein, *Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science*, 7th ed., Prentice-Hall, 2001.

Course Requirements

- a. Two exams will be given in this course. The examination format will be multiple choice, true/false, and short essay. The final will be cumulative.
Midterm: March 20, 2003
Final: May 15, 2003
- b. All laboratory reports will be due no later than May 15, 2003.

Grading

Midterm Examination:	100 points	495-550:	A
Laboratory Practicals:	250 points	440-494:	B
<u>Final Examination:</u>	<u>200 points</u>	385-439:	C
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>550 points</i>	330-384:	D
		Below 330:	F

Class Schedule

(Tenative – Subject to Guest Lecturer's Schedules)

Date	Topic(s)	Text Reading
January 23, 2003	Orientation	
January 30, 2003	Introduction The Microscope	Chpt 1 Chpt 7 (skim)
February 6, 2003	Physical Evidence Crime Scene Investigation	Chpt 2 Chpt 3
February 13, 2003	Crime Lab Tour	
February 20, 2003	Fingerprints Impression Evidence	Chpt 14 pp. 443-48
February 27, 2003	LAB	
March 6, 2003	Computer Crimes	pp. 453-468
March 13, 2003	Controlled Substances/Clan Labs Toxicology/Blood Alcohol	Chpt 9 pp. 258-277
March 20, 2003	MIDTERM	
March 27, 2003	SPRING BREAK	
April 3, 2003	Firearms/Toolmarks	pp. 421-443
April 10, 2003	LAB	
April 17, 2003	Trace Evidence Arson Questioned Documents	Chpt 8 pp. 290-304 pp. 453-468
April 24, 2003	Forensic Biology (DNA)	pp. 327-328 pp. 335-338 pp. 342-349 Chpt 13 (skim)
May 1, 2003	LAB	
May 8, 2003	Crime Scene Review	
May 15, 2003	FINAL EXAM	