JS020 – PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION
COURSE SYLLABUS, FALL SEMESTER, 2004

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 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, October 8 @ 12:00 PM. which will be worth **30 points**.
2. One final exam, Friday, December 3 @ 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

DATE	TOPIC
Aug. 27	Course Introduction Historical Background What is an Investigation (Chps. 1-2)
Sept. 3	Who Conducts Investigations Characteristics of a Good Invest. How Investigations are Initiated (Chps. 3-5)
Sept. 10	The Preliminary Investigation Jurisdictional Issues Crime Scene Examination Investigative Photography (Chapters 6-8)
Sept. 17	Crime Scene Sketches Searches in General Crime Scene Searches (Chp. 8 and Chp. 20)
Sept. 24	***Guest Speaker*** **Sgt. Wiley** **SJPD Homicide / Crime Scene**
Oct. 1	Interviewing and Interrogation Locating and Interviewing Wit. Interrogating Suspects (Chap. 10 and Chap. 14)
Oct. 8	**MIDTERM EXAM**
Oct. 15	Identifying and Arresting Suspects (Instructor's Notes)
Oct. 22	***Guest Speaker*** **Officer Gil Zamora, SJPD Artist**
Oct. 29	Collecting and Preserving Evidence (Chap. 20 and Chap. 12)
Nov. 5	Types of Evidence The Laboratory (Chap. 12 & Chp. 13)
Nov. 12	Sexual Assault Typology of Rapists Class Exercise
Nov. 19	Homicide (Instructor's Notes)
Nov. 26	**THANKSGIVING** **NO CLASS**
Dec. 3	**FINAL EXAM**