

AJ020 – PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION
SECTION 1, FRIDAY 12:00 – 2:45 PM
COURSE SYLLABUS - FALL SEMESTER, 2005

INSTRUCTOR

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REQUIRED TEXT

Wayne W. Bennett and Kären M. Hess, Criminal Investigation, 7th Edition, Wadsworth Publishing, Belmont, CA.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide an introduction to criminal investigation. 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 7, @ 12:00 PM. which will be worth **30 points**.
2. One final exam, Friday, December 2, 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
August 26	Course Introduction, Oral Presentation Skills (Instructor's notes)
September 2	Chapter 1 – Criminal Investigation: An Overview
September 9	Chapter 2 – Documenting the Scene: Note Taking / Photographing the Crime Scene
September 16	Chapter 2 – Photographing (continued) / Sketching the Crime Scene Chapter 3 – Begin lecture on Searches
September 23	Chapter 3 – Searches (continued) <u>California Department of Justice Legal Source Book</u> (Not required reading)
September 30	Chapter 4 – Forensics / Physical Evidence Barry A. Fisher, <u>Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation</u> (Not required reading) Charles E Ohara., <u>Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation</u> (Not required reading)
October 7	<u>MID-TERM EXAM 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM</u>
October 14	Chapter 4 – Forensics / Physical Evidence (continued)
October 21	Chapter 5 – Obtaining Information / Interview and Interrogation
October 28	Chapter 5 – Interview and Interrogation (continued)
November 4	Chapter 6 – Identifying and Arresting Suspects Chapter 7 – Death Investigations
November 11	Chapter 7 – Death Investigations (continued)
November 18	Chapter 9 – Sex Offenses
November 25	<u>THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS</u>
December 2	<u>FINAL EXAM – 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM</u>