

AJ020 – PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION
SECTION 1, FRIDAY 12:00 – 2:45 PM
COURSE SYLLABUS – SPRING SEMESTER, 2006

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 the step by step process of any investigation, beginning with the preliminary investigation, the processing of a crime scene, the collection of evidence and the identification, interviewing and arresting of suspects. They will then learn about the procedures involved in conducting investigations for crimes against persons and property.

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, March 10th, at 12:00 PM. which will be worth **30 points**.
2. One final exam, Friday, May 12th, at 12:00 PM which will be worth **30 points**.
3. One oral presentation which will be worth **30 points**.
 - ◆ 10 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>
January 27	Course Introduction, Oral Presentation Skills (Instructor's notes)
February 3	Chapter 1 – Criminal Investigation: An Overview
February 10	Chapter 2 – Documenting the Scene: Note Taking / Photographing the Crime Scene
February 17	Chapter 2 – Photographing (continued) / Sketching the Crime Scene Chapter 3 – Begin lecture on Searches
February 24	Chapter 3 – Searches (continued) <u>California Department of Justice Legal Source Book</u> (Not required reading)
March 3	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)
March 10	<u>MID-TERM EXAM 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM</u>
March 17	Chapter 4 – Forensics / Physical Evidence (continued)
March 24	Chapter 5 – Obtaining Information / Interview and Interrogation
March 31	<u>SPRING BREAK</u>
April 7	Chapter 5 – Interview and Interrogation (continued)
April 14	Chapter 6 – Identifying and Arresting Suspects Chapter 7 – Death Investigations
April 21	Chapter 7 – Death Investigations (continued)
April 28	Chapter 9 – Sex Offenses
May 5	Chapter 9 – Sex Offenses
May 12	<u>FINAL EXAM – 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM</u>