

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer Course A.A. Degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AJ 101 CRIMINAL EVIDENCE

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate Language Skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

The kinds and degrees of evidence and the rules governing the admissibility of evidence in court. CSU

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Explain the rules of evidence;
2. Define legal terminology;
3. Evaluate the various types of evidence; and
4. Identify legally admissible evidence in a criminal violation.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Evaluation of evidence
 - A. Reliability
 - B. Relevance
- II. Case law and legal research
 - A. Supreme Court Decisions
 - B. Appeals
- III. Detention and arrest
 - A. Intent
 - B. Duration
- IV. Search and seizure
 - A. Fourth Amendment
 - B. Mapp v. Ohio
- V. Discovery
 - A. Defense
 - B. Prosecution
- VI. Types of evidence
 - A. Circumstantial
 - B. Real
 - C. Photographic
 - D. Documentary
- VII. Witnesses
 - A. Expert
 - B. Lay
 - C. Competent
 - D. Tests
- VIII. Privileged Communication
 - A. Who is Entitled to Privilege
 - B. Exceptions
- IX. Self incrimination and Non-Testimonial Compulsion
 - A. Fifth Amendment
 - B. Lineups/Requirements
 - C. Tests
- X. The Opinion Rule
 - A. Expert Witnesses
 - B. Lay Witnesses
- XI. Impeachment, Corroboration and Refreshing Memory
 - A. Corroboration
 - B. Refreshing Memory
- XII. Hearsay
 - A. Exceptions
 - B. Rules
- XIII. Confessions and Admissions
 - A. Admissibility
 - B. Exclusion
- XIV. Introducing evidence at trial
 - A. Relevance
 - B. Legality

REQUIRED READING:

Hanley, Introduction to Criminal Evidence and Court Procedure, 4th edition. McCutchan Publishing Corp., 1999 (ISBN 0821107356)

or

Gardner, Criminal Evidence, 4th edition, Thompson Learning, 2001 (ISBN 0534514898)

Law Tech, Penal Vehicle Evidence Code, Lawtech Publishing

SUGGESTED READING:

Fricke, Charles W., and Arthur L. Alarcon, Criminal Evidence, 9th edition, Los Angeles, CA, Legal Book Store, 1978.

Deerings California Evidence, 1987, Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco, CA, 1978.

REQUIRED WRITING:

A five to seven page paper will be required on a course-related topic.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

Reading of the required text, as well as the research and drafting of the above reference paper.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

DISTANCE LEARNING:

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply:

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified

instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Random quizzes (3)	20%
Midterm examination	20%
Final examination	40%
Research project	10%
Participation	10%

Written examinations consist of a combination of fill-in, multiple choice and short essay-type questions.

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes ___ No x Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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SIGNATURES ON FILE
