

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 110 BASIC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

Appropriate language skills.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: None.

PREREQUISITE:

COREQUISITE:

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Fundamentals and principles of investigation: crime scene search, collection and preservation of physical evidence, scientific aids, modus operandi, courses of information, interviews and interrogations, case preparation, surveillance, human relations, and incident reports.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to:

1. Compile and analyze data for reporting of criminal activity.
2. Demonstrate basic investigative proficiencies.
3. Demonstrate basic steps in interview and interrogation process.

4. Analyze a crime scene and (1) identify the types of evidence present, (2) preserve the evidence, (3) collect, tag, and record the evidence.
5. Discuss chain of custody.
6. Define Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and explain the guidelines for handling and reporting such an incident.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Introductory Requirements for Investigators
- II. Preliminary Investigation
- III. Identification, Collection, Preservation of Evidence
- IV. Fingerprints, Ballistics, Blood, Hairs, Body Fluids
- V. Tools, Tool Marks, Bite Marks, Firearms, Fibers
- VI. Paint, Glass, Soil, Footprints, Tire Tracks, Documents
- VII. SIDS Deaths
- VIII. Domestic Disputes, Domestic Violence, Civil Disputes
- IX. Interview and Interrogation Techniques
- X. Surveillance, Sources of Information, Modus Operandi
- XI. Report Writing, Specific Crime Scene Investigation

REQUIRED READING:

Bennett, Wayne W. and Karen M. Hess. Criminal Investigation. 4th edition. St Paul: West Publishing Company, 1994.

SUGGESTED READING:

Horgan, John J. Criminal Investigation. McGraw Hill. New York. 1985

REQUIRED WRITING:

Students will write a 8 page term paper on an approved topic relating to criminal investigation

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.

Study for examinations. Writing term paper.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

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

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

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply. (See guidelines for preparation for definitions.)

- telecourse
- mediated instruction
- computer assisted instruction

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

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| 1. Class Participation | 10% |
| 2. Quizzes | 20% |
| 3. Midterm Exam | 25% |
| 4. Topic Paper | 20% |
| 5. Final Exam | 25% |

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

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: Once.

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:

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