

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 211 FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION

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:

This course reviews the history and application of fingerprinting for personal identification, including recognition of patterns and classification of fingerprints. The student will also experience practical problems involving locating, developing, lifting and photographing latent prints. Courtroom testimony and exhibits will also be covered.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Discuss the history of fingerprints.
2. Locate and develop latent fingerprints.
3. Describe four fingerprint patterns.
4. Classify a set of fingerprints.
5. Prepare fingerprint evidence for courtroom presentation.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. History of Fingerprint Identification
- II. Latent Fingerprint Development
- III. Photographing Latent Fingerprints
- IV. Taking Inked Fingerprints
- V. Types of Patterns and Interpretation
- VI. Henry Classification
- VII. NCIC Classification
- VIII. CAL-ID Classification
- IX. Fingerprint Comparison
- X. Courtroom Exhibits
- XI. Courtroom Testimony

REQUIRED READING:

Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Science of Fingerprints, 1984.
Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

SUGGESTED READING:

Handouts from instructor.

REQUIRED WRITING:

Three fingerprint comparison reports. Each report is 2-3 pages in length.

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.

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):

Quizzes	20%
Midterms	25%
Final Exam	30%
Fingerprint Comparison Report	25%

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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