LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE
SPRING 2013

Syllabus

Section Number: 3105
Title: AJ3 - Legal Aspects of Evidence
(CSU) 3 Units (no prerequisites)
Wednesday: 3:30pm - 6:40pm
Classroom: INST 2004

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Office Hours: 2:50pm - 3:30pm in classroom

Course Objective (SLOs):

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes (exit skills):

- Differentiate between the different types of evidence that is introduced into the criminal justice system.
- Apply the constitutional considerations for legally collecting, preserving and admissibility of evidence.
- Research a case law decision (case brief).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed as a lecture class to instruct students in the origins, development and philosophy of criminal evidence law. The course looks at the different types of evidence brought into the justice system and the rules governing the admissibility of evidence in court.

Required Text:

"California Criminal Evidence Guide: A Handbook for the Criminal Justice Student" by Raymond Hill, Santa Rosa Junior college, 10th edition, Copyright 1988-2006, Halleck Creek Publishing (707) 875-9301, ISBN: 0-9620412-1-1.

Course Requirements:

1. Legal Research: Case Brief (1) is required 30%
2. Mid Term #1 & #2 (see back page of this syllabus) 20%
3. Final Exam (see back of this syllabus) 30%
4. Required Homework: Answer T or F review questions at the end of each chapter; which is due at the start of each class. 20%

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February 2013	
6th	Introduction to class
13th (Last Day to Add-15th)	Introduction to Evidence-1
20th	Presenting Evidence-2
27th	Testimony of Witnesses-3
March 2013	
6th (Last Day to DROP – 8th)	Writings as Evidence-4
13th	Real Evidence-5
20th	**EXAM #I (I-V)**
27th	Relevancy/Competency 6 & 7
April 2013	
3rd	**No Class – Spring Break**
10th	Burden of Proof-8
17th	Witness Privileges-9
24th	Hearsay Evidence-10
May 2013	
1st	**EXAM #II (VI-X)**
8th	Search & Seizure (4th Admen)-11
15th	Search & Seizure (4th Admen)-11
22nd	Miranda and Testimonial Evidence-12
29th	**FINAL EXAM (I-XIII)**

Based on the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Basic Law Enforcement Course Curriculum. Exam questions applies understanding and application of evidence laws and procedures. Evidence Course Learning Domains (L.D.) taught in the Police Academies;

- *Introduction to Criminal Law (LD #5)*
- *Laws of Arrest (LD#15)*
- *Search and Seizure (LD#16)*
- *Presentation of Evidence (LD#17)*

Plagiarism/Cheating Policy – See college policy in schedule of classes.

Revised: February 5, 2013. Syllabus is subject to change without notice. Please note revision date and you are responsible for the most recent updated version that can be found on the AJ web page (www.lamission.edu/aj). Click on "faculty & staff," then under the "Academic Affairs" heading, click on "facility web pages." Click on my name, syllabus is posted at bottom of that page.