

CMRJ101

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Course Summary

Course : CMRJ101 **Title :** Evidence and Procedures

Length of Course : 8

Prerequisites : N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

Description

Course Description: This course will provide an introduction to the collection, preservation, and basic crime scene investigations. Furthermore this course will also focus on the laws and court decisions relating to the admissibility of evidence as well as the appropriate methods of interrogation and its uses in the criminal justice process.

Course Scope:

This course is divided into 8 weeks and is organized to give students a broad context in which it will provide you with the information and processes needed to identify, collect process and have evidence admitted at trial. The techniques procedures and resources presented are applicable whether the evidence being collected is related to a homicide or a forgery, and can be expanded or adapted to the investigation of any incident -- criminal or civil. The learning process is totally dependent on your close reading of the course material, outside resources, additional research, successful completion of the course assignments, and your participation and interaction with the course professor and students. There many individual readings, each discussing in detail most of the techniques and procedures that must be followed for evidence to be used in a proceeding to discern the truth. The Forums will be utilized to explore course topics in detail allowing students to share prior education, experience, and knowledge of the practical and legal procedures related to evidence.

Objectives

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

CO1: Specify the role of the investigator.

CO2: Demonstrate the use of the Investigator's Notebook.

CO3: Outline the steps used in preparing investigative reports.

CO4: Recognize physical evidence at the scene of a crime.

CO5: Defend the documentation, collection, preservation, and presentation of physical evidence in court.

CO6: Explain the steps an investigator must take and document for a statement to be admissible in court.

CO7: Describe the types of evidence useful in the investigation of particular crimes.

Outline

Week 1: Crime Scene Investigation: Initial Response & Planning

Learning Objectives

Weekly content will address specific learning objectives for each course. Learning objectives covered each week are specified in the course site.

Reading(s)

Weekly lesson and assigned readings are available in the course site.

Week 2: Documenting, Processing, and Collection Evidence

Learning Objectives

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Reading(s)

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Week 3: Modus Operandi, Law, and Solvability

Learning Objectives

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Week 4: Search and Seizure

Learning Objectives

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Reading(s)

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Week 5: Criminalistics and Physical Evidence

Learning Objectives

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Reading(s)

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Week 6: Admissibility of Evidence

Learning Objectives

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Reading(s)

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Week 7: Presenting Evidence in the Courtroom

Learning Objectives

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Reading(s)

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Week 8: The Future of Crime Scene Investigations

Learning Objectives

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Reading(s)

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Evaluation

Forums

Instructions and grading expectations for all forums will appear in the Forums section of the course site.

Assignment(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all assignments will appear in the Assignments section of the course site.

Exam(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all exams will appear in the Tests & Quizzes section of the course site.

Grading:

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Materials

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

Author:

Publication Info:

ISBN: N/A

Weekly lessons and assigned readings are available in the course site.

Course Guidelines

University Policies

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