



AJ 112: LEGAL ASPECTS OF EVIDENCE

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Effective Term:

Fall 2023

Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:

AJ - Administration of Justice

Course Number:

112

Catalog Title

Legal Aspects of Evidence

Catalog Description

The origin, development, philosophy, constitutional and procedural basis of evidence; judicial decisions and statutory rules of evidence governing the admissibility of testimony, writings and material objects.

Advisory on Recommended Preparation:

ENGL 001 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C

Method of Instruction:Distance Education
Lecture and/or Discussion**Course Units/Hours:****Course Units Minimum:**

3

Lecture Hours Minimum (week)

3

Lab Hours Minimum (week)

0

Activity Hours Minimum (week)

0

Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)

52.5

Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)

105

Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)

157.5

Repeatability:

No

**Open Entry/Exit:**

No

Field Trips:

Not Required

Grade Mode:

Standard Letter

TOP Code:

210500 - * Administration of Justice

SAM Code:

C - Clearly Occupational

Course Content**Methods of Assessment:**

Essay quizzes or exams
 Multiple choice tests
 Oral presentations
 Short answer quizzes or exams
 Written essays or extended papers

Course Topics:

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1	The American Court System
2	Criminal Law
3	The Criminal Trial Process
4	Types & Forms of Evidence
5	The Admissibility & Weight of Evidence
6	the Exclusionary Rule & Constitutionality of Evidence
7	Competence
8	Authenticity Requirements of Evidence
9	Relevance; Relevance Exceptions: Prejudice, Cumulativeness, and Public Policy
10	Hearsay
11	Privilege
12	Witnesses: Credibility & Impeachment

Course Objectives:

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1	Identify and differentiate various types of evidence.
2	Define and describe key rules of evidence.
3	Critically evaluate and apply the rules of evidence to specific case facts.
4	Define and describe key rules of evidence.

Course Outcomes:

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1	Students will define Direct and Circumstantial Evidence, and explain the difference.
2	Students will define The Confrontation Clause, and how it applies to due process in criminal proceedings.



- 3 Students will define the acronym F.I.C.E. (Fruits of the Crime, Instrumentalities of a crime, Contraband, and Physical Evidence), explain each component and its applicability to evidence.
- 4 Students will define the 4th, 5th and 6th amendments, and explain their applicability to the rules of evidence.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Students are required to read the text and demonstrate their understanding in classroom discussions, assignments, and presentations
Writing	Students will submit a written assignment demonstrating their understanding of the types of evidence and the forms of evidence outlined in the text
Homework	Students are required to complete a homework assignment consisting of scenarios and various items of evidence, and will categorize both the type & form of evidence for each item in the scenario
Other	Evidence identification: Student are required to search a mock crime scene, identify, label and collect items of evidence using industry approved evidence collection strategies

Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	Criminal Evidence, 1st edition (2017): Robert Donley; Pearson; ISBN-13: 978-0-13-289914-7
Books	California Criminal Evidence Guide: A Handbook For The Criminal Justice Student Hill (2015), Raymond M. Halleck Creek Publishing 10th 2012 0-9620412-1-1 -

Equity Review:

Yes

Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved

CSU General Education

Transferable to CSU

Other Degree Attributes

Degree Applicable

Not a Basic Skills Course

Distance Learning Addendum

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Banner Title:

Legal Aspects of Evidence

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District Governing Board Approval Date:

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