

## Master Syllabus

### CJS 1110 - Interrogation, Documentation & Testimony

**Division:** Business and Public Services

**Department:** Criminal Justice Science

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

**Prerequisite(s):** AND CJS 1101 ENG 1101

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#### Course Description:

Development of communication skills applicable to criminal justice professionals. Emphasis on interviewing, interrogation, documentation of evidence in various documents, forms, reports and oral testimony.

#### General Education Outcomes:

- Oral Communication Competency
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- Computer Literacy Competency
- Written Communication Competency
- Information Literacy Competency

#### Course Outcomes:

##### Interviewing

Apply interviewing techniques given a case scenario or crime scene.

**Assessment Method:** Behavioral observations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of 70% on a department developed exam.

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

##### Interrogation

Demonstrate basic foundational skills in interrogation techniques given a minimum of five case simulations.

**Assessment Method:** Behavioral observations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of 70% on a department developed exam.

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination

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##### Report Writing

Prepare written reports that are accurate, complete and consistent with legal requirements.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of 70% on a department developed exam.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

##### Case Documentation

Document a case from initial incident to disposition by completing all forms and legal requirements given a minimum of five scenarios.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of 70% on a department developed exam. (All criminal justice documents should be without error; however it is not illegal to make a mistake on a document. These errors limit the credibility of a report and may influence a court's decision.)

**Assessment Method:** Simulations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

##### Testimony

Demonstrate professional oral evidence (testimony) offered by a sworn witness on the witness stand given a criminal trial simulation.

**Assessment Method:** Behavioral observations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of 2 on a 4 point department developed rubric.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of 70% on a department developed exam.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations

**Performance Criteria:** Students will score a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

**Outline:**

Oral Communication Skills

Interviewing

Interrogation

Research

Investigation

Note Taking

Rules of Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

Written Communications

Evidence and Testimony