

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

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.

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