

AJ 131 CRIMINAL EVIDENCE

Tue/Thur. 9:30 – 10: 50am

Office Hours: Fri. 8:00 – 9:00, Tue. – Thurs.

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AJ 131 STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES STATEMENT

Given an in-class writing task based on assigned readings and classroom discussions, students will be able to locate and identify a rule of evidence in a hypothetical fact situation, define and explain that rule, and correctly apply that rule to that fact situation.

DISABILITY

EL CAMINO COLLEGE ADHERES TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DISABILIITIES. IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR WORK IN THIS CLASS, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER WITH THE SPECIAL RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) AND TALK TO ME ABOUT HOW I CAN BEST HELP YOU. ALL DISCLOSURES OF DISABILITIES WILL BE KEPT STRICLY CONFIDENTIAL. **NOTE:** FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL RESOURCE CENTER, PLEASE CALL 660-3295 OR VISIT (SRC) ROOM F-10.

Course Outline

This course is an overview of the rules of criminal evidence and how they apply to police investigations and criminal prosecutions. Various rules of law including constitutional law and case decisions will be studied in the context of their applicability at the crime scene and in court.

Course Conduct

The course format is lecture and practical application. Following instruction, students will be required to apply criminal evidence rules in various scenarios presented by the instructor. Attendance can be a factor in grades. Assignments are due when indicated, and late work is not accepted without penalty. Students are urged to clear all drops with admissions. Failure to do so will result in an “F” for the course.

Additional Class Rules

There has been an increasing problem across campus of students texting or doing other electronic messaging during instruction. This is extremely distracting to the instructors

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and students who are trying to learn. It is also disrespectful. Unless otherwise instructed, cell phones, iPhones, Ipads or other electronic devices are not to be in use during class or otherwise displayed in any way. This does not preclude the instructor granting permission for an electronic device to be used for specific internet research of an issue being discussed in class, or for the use of lap top computers to be used to record lecture notes or other instructional information. Such use is on a case by case basis

Course Requirements

The grades for this course are determined by completion of the below assignments and course requirements:

Mid-term exam	50 points
Case File ¹	50 points
Legal Research Assignment	25 points
Final Examination	100 points
Total	225 points

The required textbook for this course is *Criminal Evidence*, by Judy Hails

Extra Credit

Students may earn extra credit by attending a criminal trial, preliminary hearing or evidence hearing for a minimum of 2 hours and completing a court observation form provided by the instructor. Possible point value is 15 for this assignment.

¹ Case file consists of completed in-class writing assignments and homework. They are initially turned in when due and returned to students with comments. Students are required to maintain these reviewed assignments in a tabbed, labeled manila folder until they are turned in for grades at the end of the semester..