



COURSE OUTLINE : ADMJ 120
D Credit – Degree Applicable
COURSE ID 001302
Cyclical Review: September 2020

COURSE DISCIPLINE : ADMJ

COURSE NUMBER : 120

COURSE TITLE (FULL) : Legal Aspects of Evidence

COURSE TITLE (SHORT) : Legal Aspects of Evidence

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM C-ID : AJ 124 – Legal Aspects of Evidence

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

ADMJ 120 is concerning the origin, development, philosophy, and constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search, and seizure, kinds and degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility, judicial decisions interpreting individual rights and case studies.

Total Lecture Units: 3.00

Total Laboratory Units: 0.00

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Total Lecture Hours: 54.00

Total Laboratory Hours: 0.00

Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.00

Total Contact Hours: 54.00

Total Out-of-Class Hours: 108.00

Prerequisite: ADMJ 101 or equivalent.



ENTRY STANDARDS

	Subject	Number	Title	Description	Include
1	ADMJ	101	Introduction To The Administration Of Justice	Summarize criminology theories used to explain crime and criminality;	No
2	ADMJ	101	Introduction To The Administration Of Justice	summarize the history and progress of efforts to reduce the effects of racism in the criminal justice system;	Yes
3	ADMJ	101	Introduction To The Administration Of Justice	recognize a sense for the importance of education, training and professionalism in the justice system;	Yes
4				write in the appropriate writing style practiced in the social sciences;	Yes
5	ADMJ	101	Introduction To The Administration Of Justice	explain the extent of the crime problem in America;	Yes
6	ADMJ	101	Introduction To The Administration Of Justice	name and describe the steps in the criminal adjudication process that involve the police, the courts, and corrections.	Yes

EXIT STANDARDS

- 1 articulate the rules of evidence, legal definitions, and concepts of evidentiary law;
- 2 evaluate the various kinds of evidence;
- 3 explain the progression and application of the Exclusionary Rule;
- 4 prepare legal briefs using deductive insights from the analysis of a legal rule;
- 5 identify the steps in the chain of custody.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1 explain the role of prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges as they relate to determining the admissibility of various forms of evidence;
- 2 evaluate various kinds of evidence and be able to identify it's social viability and admissibility in court;
- 3 relate legally admissible evidence to a criminal violation.



COURSE CONTENT WITH INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

	Description	Lecture	Lab	Total Hours
1	Origin, development and philosophy of rules of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminology and definitions • Importance of the rules of evidence to law enforcement • Applicability of civil evidence to criminal actions 	4	0	4
2	Rules of evidence Relevancy, materiality, competency Effect of evidence Kinds of evidence Degrees of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary • Secondary • Direct Indirect evidence Chain of custody procedures	6	0	6
3	Presumptions and inferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebuttable or disputable • Conclusive presumptions 	4	0	4
4	Character or reputation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credibility and impeachment of witnesses • Testifying in court • General principles of testimony • Observation and recollection • Leading questions 	7	0	7



5	<p>Proof of other acts and offenses</p> <p>Admissibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrelevancy • Deft • Not connected with other act • Part of res gestae • Conviction of other crime <p>Common or general plan or scheme</p> <p>Other factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwriting • Identity of perpetrator • Intent • Knowledge • Motive • Possession of means to commit crime 	7	0	7
6	<p>Hearsay evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition • Admissibility dependence on purpose of evidence • Presence of defendant • Self serving declaration of defendant • Hearsay in sustaining conviction 	6	0	6



7	<p>Res Gestae. Statements, admissions, confessions</p> <p>Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circumstances of the offense • Condition of victim • Connected crimes • Declarations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ As part of res gestae ◦ After the offense ◦ After act ◦ Of pain and suffering ◦ Declarations prior to offense ◦ At time of act <p>Acts following the crime</p> <p>Admissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privileged communications • Privilege against self-incrimination • Against interest • Confession elements • Advantages 	8	0	8
8	<p>Conspiracy</p> <p>Proof of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts and declarations of conspirators • Object accomplished 	3	0	3



9	Documentary and best and secondary evidence Statute definitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule limited to writings • Lost or out of state Books and records Part of res gestae In the course of business Uniform business records	5	0	5
10	Opinion testimony Admissibility rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non expert • Permissibility • Proof of age • Appearance 	4	0	4
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OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- 1 essay to critically evaluate and apply the rules of evidence to specific case facts;
- 2 case analysis term paper (e.g. recent criminal case involving evidence questions).

METHODS OF EVALUATION

- 1 quizzes;
- 2 mid-term examination;
- 3 final examination.



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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- Lecture
- Laboratory
- Studio
- Discussion
- Multimedia
- Tutorial
- Independent Study
- Collaboratory Learning
- Demonstration
- Field Activities (Trips)
- Guest Speakers
- Presentations

TEXTBOOKS

Title	Type	Publisher	Edition	Medium	Author	IBSN	Date
Criminal Evidence	Required	Cengage Learning	8	print	Hails, Judy	9781285062860	2014
Criminal Evidence	Supplemental	Cengage Learning	8	ebook	Hails, Judy	978-1285062860	2014