

ADMJ120 : Legal Aspects Of Evidence

General Information

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Course Code (CB01) :	ADMJ120
Course Title (CB02) :	Legal Aspects Of Evidence
Department:	ADMJ
Proposal Start:	Spring 2025
TOP Code (CB03) :	(2105.00) Administration of Justice
CIP Code:	(43.0107) Criminal Justice/Police Science.
SAM Code (CB09) :	Clearly Occupational
Distance Education Approved:	No
Will this course be taught asynchronously?:	No
Course Control Number (CB00) :	CCC000549724
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	05/22/2024
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	07/16/2024
Last Cyclical Review Date:	05/22/2024
Course Description and Course Note:	ADMJ 120 teaches students the origin, development, philosophy, constitutional, and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure, kinds and degrees of evidence, rules governing admissibility, judicial decisions interpreting individual rights, and case studies.
Justification:	Mandatory Revision
Academic Career:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Credit
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Academic Senate Discipline

Primary Discipline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Administration of Justice (Police science, corrections, law enforcement)
Alternate Discipline:	No value
Alternate Discipline:	No value

Course Development

Basic Skill Status (CB08) Course is not a basic skills course.	Course Special Class Status (CB13) Course is not a special class.	Grading Basis <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade with Pass / No-Pass Option
	Pre-Collegiate Level (CB21)	Course Support Course Status (CB26)

Allow Students to Gain Credit by Exam/Challenge

Not applicable.

Course is not a support course

Transferability & Gen. Ed. Options

General Education Status (CB25)

Not Applicable

Transferability

Transferable to both UC and CSU

Transferability Status

Approved

C-ID	Area	Status	Approval Date	Comparable Course
AJ	Administration of Justice	Approved	09/03/2013	AJ 124 - Legal Aspects of Evidence

Units and Hours

Summary

Minimum Credit Units (CB07)	3
Maximum Credit Units (CB06)	3
Total Course In-Class (Contact) Hours	54
Total Course Out-of-Class Hours	108
Total Student Learning Hours	162

Credit / Non-Credit Options

Course Type (CB04)

Credit - Degree Applicable

Noncredit Course Category (CB22)

Credit Course.

Noncredit Special Characteristics

No Value

Course Classification Code (CB11)

Credit Course.

Funding Agency Category (CB23)

Not Applicable.

Cooperative Work Experience Education

Status (CB10)

Variable Credit Course

Weekly Student Hours

	In Class	Out of Class
Lecture Hours	3	6
Laboratory Hours	0	0
Studio Hours	0	0

Course Student Hours

Course Duration (Weeks)	18
Hours per unit divisor	0
Course In-Class (Contact) Hours	
Lecture	54

Laboratory	0
Studio	0
Total	54

Course Out-of-Class Hours

Lecture	108
Laboratory	0
Studio	0
Total	108

Time Commitment Notes for Students

No value

Units and Hours - Weekly Specialty Hours

Activity Name	Type	In Class	Out of Class
No Value	No Value	No Value	No Value

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, Anti-requisites and Advisories

No Value

Entry Standards

Entry Standards

Course Limitations

Cross Listed or Equivalent Course

Specifications

Methods of Instruction

Methods of Instruction Lecture

Methods of Instruction Multimedia

Methods of Instruction Collaborative Learning

Methods of Instruction Demonstrations

Out of Class Assignments

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

Methods of Evaluation

Rationale

Exam/Quiz/Test

Quizzes

Exam/Quiz/Test

Mid-term examination

Exam/Quiz/Test

Final examination

Textbook Rationale

This is the current text

Textbooks

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	ISBN
Hails, Judy	Criminal Evidence	Cengage Learning	2014	9781285062860

Other Instructional Materials (i.e. OER, handouts)

No Value

Materials Fee

No value

Learning Outcomes and Objectives

Course Objectives

Articulate the rules of evidence, legal definitions, and concepts of evidentiary law.

Evaluate the various kinds of evidence.

Explain the progression and application of the Exclusionary Rule.

Prepare legal briefs using deductive insights from the analysis of a legal rule.

Identify the steps in the chain of custody.

SLOs

Evaluate various kinds of evidence and be able to identify its social viability and admissibility in court.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

<i>ILOs</i> Core ILOs	Analyze and solve problems using critical, logical, and creative thinking; ask questions, pursue a line of inquiry, and derive conclusions; cultivate creativity that leads to innovative ideas.
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<i>ADMJ</i> Administration of Justice - A.S. Degree Major	Discuss the techniques used in investigation procedures.
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Relate legally admissible evidence to a criminal violation.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

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Explain the role of prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges as they relate to determining the admissibility of various forms of evidence.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

<i>ILOs</i> Core ILOs	Analyze and solve problems using critical, logical, and creative thinking; ask questions, pursue a line of inquiry, and derive conclusions; cultivate creativity that leads to innovative ideas.
	Communicate clearly, ethically, and creatively; listen actively and engage respectfully with others; consider situational, cultural, and personal contexts within or across multiple modes of communication.
<i>ADMJ</i> Administration of Justice - AS-T	Demonstrate an understanding of concepts in: criminal law, law enforcement procedures, crisis intervention, legal aspects of evidence and forensic science.
	Discuss the techniques used in investigation procedures.
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Additional SLO Information

Does this proposal include revisions that might improve student attainment of course learning outcomes?

No

Is this proposal submitted in response to learning outcomes assessment data?

No

If yes was selected in either of the above questions for learning outcomes, explain and attach evidence of discussions about learning outcomes.

No Value

SLO Evidence

No Value

Course Content

Lecture Content

Origin, development and philosophy of rules of evidence (4 hours)

- Terminology and definitions
- Importance of the rules of evidence to law enforcement
- Applicability of civil evidence to criminal actions

Rules of evidence (6 hours)

- Relevancy, materiality, competency
- Effect of evidence
- Kinds of evidence
- Degrees of evidence
 - Primary
 - Secondary
 - Direct
- Indirect evidence

- Chain of custody procedures

Presumptions and inferences (4 hours)

- Rebuttable or disputable
- Conclusive presumptions

Character or reputation (7 hours)

- Credibility and impeachment of witnesses
- Testifying in court
- General principles of testimony
- Observation and recollection
- Leading questions
- Awareness of, and reducing bias when reviewing evidence

Proof of other acts and offenses (7 hours)

- Admissibility
 - Irrelevancy
 - Deft
 - Not connected with other act
 - Part of res gestae
 - Conviction of other crime
- Common or general plan or scheme
- Other factors
 - Handwriting
 - Identity of perpetrator
 - Intent
 - Knowledge
 - Motive
 - Possession of means to commit crime

Hearsay evidence (6 hours)

- Definition
- Admissibility dependence on purpose of evidence
- Presence of defendant
- Self serving declaration of defendant
- Hearsay in sustaining conviction

Res Gestae. Statements, admissions, confessions (8 hours)

- Definitions
- Circumstances of the offense
- Condition of victim
- Connected crimes
- Declarations
 - As part of res gestae
 - After the offense
 - After act
 - Of pain and suffering
 - Declarations prior to offense
 - At time of act
- Acts following the crime
- Admissions
 - Privileged communications
 - Privilege against self-incrimination
 - Against interest
 - Confession elements
 - Advantages

Conspiracy (3 hours)

- Proof of:
 - Acts and declarations of conspirators
 - Object accomplished

Documentary and best and secondary evidence (5 hours)

- Statute definitions
 - Rule limited to writings
 - Lost or out of state
- Books and records

- Part of res gestae
- In the course of business
- Uniform business records

Opinion testimony (4 hours)

- Admissibility rules
 - Non expert
 - Permissibility
 - Proof of age
 - Appearance

Total hours: 54

Additional Information

Is this course proposed for GCC Major or General Education Graduation requirement? If yes, indicate which requirement in the two areas provided below.

No

GCC Major Requirements

No Value

GCC General Education Graduation Requirements

No Value

Repeatability

Not Repeatable

Justification (if repeatable was chosen above)

No Value

Resources

Did you contact your departmental library liaison?

Yes

If yes, who is your departmental library liaison?

Adina Lerner (Technology & Aviation, Visual & Performing Arts)

Did you contact the DEIA liaison?

Yes

Were there any DEIA changes made to this outline?

No

If yes, in what areas were these changes made:

No Value

Will any additional resources be needed for this course? (Click all that apply)

- No

If additional resources are needed, add a brief description and cost in the box provided.

No Value