

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Administration of Justice
2. Course Number: AJS 220
3. Course Title: RULES OF EVIDENCE
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:
Understanding of the rules of evidence which most often affect personnel concerned with the administration of the criminal law. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To provide the students with the necessary skills to prepare them for understanding the contemporary environment of criminal evidences within the United States and the sub-systems which directly comprise the integrated procedures of evidence within the United States and to emphasize the functional areas of police rules of evidence applications as preparation for: problem-solving, communication, reasoning, and reporting. Computer worksheet applications may be utilized.

C. Course Outcomes:

The student will demonstrate by their scores on written assignments and exams, mastery of the basic rules of evidence and skills necessary to perform the following:

1. Problem solving techniques
2. Instruction interpretation
3. Understanding of criminal justice vocabulary
4. Explain the structure of the rules of evidence
5. How a given agency develops the systems and tactics for establishing criminal evidence regulations and rules for preservation purposes
6. Describe the management and organizational processes which affect evidence procedures for the agency
7. Describe the impact which the choice of a particular system for evidence preservation may have on the outcome of a court trial

D. Course Content:

Will include:

1. From evidence to proof
2. The roles of the prosecutor and defense counsel
3. Testimony, witnesses, and hearsay evidence
4. Opinion evidence, articles, and exhibits of evidence
5. Circumstantial, direct evidence issues
6. Arrests, searches, and seizures--the exclusionary rule
7. Confessions and admissions
8. Discovery and disclosure
9. The defense case and the appeal issue(s)

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