CRIMINAL EVIDENCE
Course Syllabus

Course Number: LAW-0225
OCAS Code: None
Course Length: 30 Hours
Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
Career Pathway: Law Enforcement Services
Career Major(s): Criminal Justice Practical Law Enforcement

Pre-requisite(s): None
Course Description: Study law, rules, and types of evidence as they pertain to admissibility.

Textbooks:
Introduction to Criminal Justice, Larry J. Siegel - Wadsworth (2009)
Crime Scene Processing, Patrick Jones, & Ralph E. Williams (2009)

On-line Resources:
http://www.cleet.state.ok.us/Professional_CertificationL_Levels.htm

Curriculum Resources:
Private Security Series – CIMC
Medical Learning Activities II CD-ROM
http://www.okcimc.com

Course Objectives:
This course is about the law and application of criminal evidence. It will include detailed discussion of basic evidentiary concepts of relevancy, direct and circumstantial evidence, real, and expert evidence, hearsay and the exceptions to the hearsay rule, chain of custody of evidence, crime scene evidence preservation, principles of admission of scientific evidence, issues of privilege in the law of evidence, basic search and seizure requirements under the Fourth Amendment as well as the basic exceptions to the warrant requirements for arrest and search, the law of interrogations and confessions, and constitutional requirements for identification procedures.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
1. Identify the principles of law as they pertain to court room admissibility
2. Identify types of evidence as they pertain to courtroom admissibility
3. Identify exceptions to a search warrant
4. Identify types of search and seizure of evidence as part of a criminal investigation
5. Demonstrate the proper application for a search warrant
6. Identify the rules for collecting evidence
7. Define the chain of custody of evidence
8. Describe the hearsay rule

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Teaching Methods: The class will primarily be taught by the lecture and demonstration method and supported by various media materials to address various learning styles. There will be question and answer sessions over material covered in lecture and media presentations. Supervised lab time is provided for students to complete required projects.

Grading Procedures: 1. Students are graded on theory and lab practice and performance.
2. Each course must be passed with seventy (70%) percent or better.
3. Grading scale: A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=50-59%.
4. Career Major grades established during coursework are a major criteria in successfully obtaining certification

Description of Classroom, Laboratories, and Equipment: Tulsa Technology Center campuses are owned and operated by Tulsa Technology Center School District No. 18. All programs provide students the opportunity to work with professionally certified instructors in modern, well-equipped facilities.

Available Certifications/College Credit: The student may be eligible to take state, national or industry exam after completion of the program. College credit may be issued from Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee or Tulsa Community College. See program counselor for additional information.

College Credit Eligibility: The student must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better.