

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: CI 220-Criminal **Investigation.**

DAY/HOUR: Tuesdays/ Thursdays 8:00 -9:20 a.m., Henry Hall 118.

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BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Lau is an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice department at Chaminade University. He received a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Hawaii and a Juris Doctorate from the Richardson School of Law. Mr. Lau has worked as a law clerk for the Hawaii Supreme Court, a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, a Deputy Corporation Counsel and in the private practice of law. Mr. Lau also worked two terms as an Independent Counsel to the Oahu Grand Jury.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Crime scene investigation. Collection and preservation of evidence. Admissibility of evidence, interrogations, and confessions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- be exposed to the mechanics of crime scene processing,
- appreciate the skills and abilities required for criminal investigators,
- learn about the role of criminal investigators within the criminal justice system,
- A learn about various evidence collection method,
- understand the legal and ethical responsibilities involved in criminal case investigations,
- be introduced to the methods of witness discovery and interviewing,
- A learn about the legalities and challenges of suspect interrogation.

REQUIRED Swanson, Chamelin, Territo, *Criminal Investigation*,
TEXTBOOKS: (7th edition 2000).

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION: Class participation is an expected and essential requirement of the course. A student's participation in each session is considered important to the learning process. Missing a session is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next session. A student's absence from or late arrivals to a session will impact the student's grade. In general, there is no make-up procedure for missed examinations or assignments. Students who have advanced knowledge that they will miss a session or deadline should contact the instructor to make arrangements to take the examination at another time. The decision to allow a make-up assignment under these circumstances rests with the instructor and will be made on a case-by-case basis. If a student did not have advanced notice that s/he would miss a session or assignment deadline, s/he must contact the instructor within 24 hours. A message may be left by the student on voice mail at any time. A student who

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misses a session or deadline and is allowed by the instructor to take do a make-up must be prepared to take it immediately (usually within 48 hours).

READING ASSIGNMENTS: All reading assignments must be completed prior to class or the student will not be prepared to participate meaningfully in class discussions. Classes are prepared on the assumption and expectation that the student has read the assigned materials and completed any required assignments.

COURSE EVALUATIONS: Final grades are based on the following factors:

MID-TERM100 Points
CLASS ASSIGNMENTS 200 Points
FINAL EXAM/ ASSIGNMENT 100 Points

GRADING: A = 90% of the possible 400 total points (360+)
B = 80% of the possible 400 total points. (320+)
C = 70% of the possible 400 total points. (280+)
D = 60% of the possible 400 total points. (240+)
F = less than 60% of the 400 possible points. (<240)
FA = failure due to excessive unexcused absences
(7 or more under regular schedule).

Note: a grade calculated by the percentage of possible points may be reduced to the next lower grade in the event of excessive absences not amounting to an FA grade.

Disclaimer: This instructor reserves the right to make slight adjustments to this syllabus as may be necessitated by course developments or circumstances. Any adjustment will be announced to the class prior to the ending of the class.

End of syllabus.