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Course Outline for AJ 69

SEX CRIME INVESTIGATION

Effective: Spring 2019

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 69 — SEX CRIME INVESTIGATION — 3.00 units

Sexual assault investigations; human behavior in relation to sexual attitudes and behavior; sexual assault laws and investigations; interview and interrogation techniques; court preparation and trial phase; sex crime prevention.

3.00 Units Lecture

Grading Methods:

Letter Grade

Discipline:

- Administration of Justice

	<u>MIN</u>
Lecture Hours:	54.00
Total Hours:	54.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Discuss and evaluate the historical, societal, and cultural issues of rape
- Identify and define the legal elements of sexual assault
- Explain human behavior as it relates to sex crimes
- Discuss the demographic, sociological, and psychological aspects of victims
- Compare and contrast the theoretical causes of sexual assault
- Identify proper investigative techniques in handling cases of rape, child molestation, incest, and other types of sexual assault crimes
- List the various stages of investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases
- Discuss techniques of prevention in sexual crimes.

V. CONTENT:

- Rape
 - Historical perspectives
 - Societal issues
 - Cultural issues
- Current laws concerning sexual assault
 - Rape
 - Child molestation
 - Ballard motion
 - Spousal rape
 - Past sexual activity
 - Victim identification
 - Sentencing
 - Unlawful intercourse
 - Victims of Violent Crime Act
- Victimology
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Victim-offender relationship
 - Rape-trauma syndrome
 - Child abuse accommodation syndrome
 - Curative factors
 - Life stage considerations
 - Victim blaming
- Psychological make-up of the sexual assault perpetrator
 - Psychotic
 - Situational
 - Masculine identity conflict

4. Sadistic
5. Sociopath
6. Motivational aspects
7. Operational procedures
8. Internal and external needs and dependency
- E. Causalities
 1. Control
 2. Anger
 3. Aggression
 4. Regression
 5. Sexual gratification
- F. Procedures
 1. Beat officer
 2. Hospital
 3. Investigator
 4. Sexual assault response team
 5. Rape crisis center
- G. Sexual assault within the criminal justice system
 1. Role of the prosecuting and defense attorneys
 2. Arraignment
 3. Preliminary hearing
 4. Superior court
 5. Special problems in prosecution
- H. Prevention strategies
 1. Awareness
 2. Active planning and resistance
 3. Psychological planning
 4. Submission
- I. Family and community reactions
- J. Resources
 1. Social service agencies
 2. Counseling services
 3. Victim advocacy groups
 4. Victim compensation

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Discussion** -
- B. **Audio-visual Activity** -
- C. **Lecture** -
- D. **Guest Lecturers** -
- E. Investigative scenarios
- F. Role-playing

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Research project and paper
- B. Compose questions to stimulate discussion with guest speaker
- C. Answer study questions at the end of selected chapters
- D. Prepare for a role-playing exercise between a victim and police officer

VIII. EVALUATION:

Methods/Frequency

- A. Exams/Tests
 - Midterm and Final exams
- B. Quizzes
 - Periodic chapter quizzes
- C. Research Projects
 - A semester long project with a written report.
- D. Class Participation
 - Small group exercises

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. California Commission on POST (2008). *POST Guidelines on Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Investigations* (2008 ed.). Sacramento, CA: California Commission on POST.
2. Lyman, M.D. (2017). *Criminal Investigations* (8th ed.). San Francisco, CA: Pearson.
3. Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M., & Heffron, L.C. (2018). *Human Trafficking* (1st ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: