Subject: AJ 275: Introduction to Forensics

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Catalog Course Description:
This course is designed to prepare Administration of Justice, Forensic Science, and California Peace Officer students for the Forensic Science Identification Program. The course examines the field of forensic science as it pertains to science and law. Topics covered include criminalistics, criminology, psychiatry, dentistry, handwriting and fingerprinting comparison, toxicology, serology and other specialties will be discussed in this course.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Discuss the major fields of Forensic Science such as DNA, Fingerprints, Firearm Identification, Tool Marks and Trace Evidence.
   Proficient: Student is able to score at least 70% on embedded test questions or assignments relating to major fields of Forensic Science.

2. Choose applicable investigative resources to assist in a crime investigation.
   Proficient: Student is able to score at least 70% on embedded test questions or assignments involving the choosing of applicable investigative resources to assist in a crime investigation.

3. Apply legal definitions, concepts and principles to law enforcement, courts, or correctional setting.
   Proficient: Student is able to score at least 70% on embedded test questions or assignments involving the application of legal definitions, concepts, and principles relating to criminal investigations.

4. Analyze ethical dilemmas encountered in the law enforcement and/or corrections fields and decide on the correct ethical choice.
   Proficient: Pursuant to contemporary law enforcement standards, student is able to choose an ethically appropriate response to each criminal justice situation presented.

5. Apply appropriate investigative and forensic techniques to analyzing crime scenes, collecting and preserving evidence, and preparing evidence and testimony for laboratory analysis and prosecution.
   Proficient: Student is able to collect and package different items of evidence in a manner that does not compromise officer safety and does not significantly risk the destruction or contamination of the evidence.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion.
This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

**Textbook:** Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

**This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:**


Students are required to participate in the weekly discussion activities. This is a pass/fail area and 0 points will be awarded. Failure to participate will result in a ‘Failing’ grade. Students may be dropped for non-participation (absences) for three (3) sessions or two (2) consecutive sessions. The instructor will participate and respond to all emails within 48-hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays.

**The instructor may drop you for non-participation.**

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: [http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

**Modifications and Disclaimer:** The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.