

# Course Expectations Letter

**Subject:** Introduction to Forensic Science

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**Catalog Course Description:**

AJ 275 (C-ID AJ 150) Introduction to Forensic Science

Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate assessment; READ 023 or appropriate assessment.

*Transfers to: CSU*

This course is designed to prepare Administration of Justice, Forensic Science, and California Peace Officer students for the Forensic Science Identification Program. This course provides an introduction to the role of forensics in criminal investigations. It examines the methods utilized in the forensic analysis of crime scenes, pattern evidence, instruments, firearms, questioned documents and controlled substances. 3 Units, 54 Lecture hours

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- SLO 1: Discuss the major fields of Forensic Science such as DNA, Fingerprints, Firearm Identification, Toolmarks, and Trace Evidence.
- SLO 2: Choose applicable investigative resources to assist in a crime investigation.
- SLO 3: Apply legal definitions, concepts, and principles to law enforcement, courts, or correctional settings. (Forensic Identification Certificate SLO)
- SLO 4: Analyze ethical dilemmas encountered in the law enforcement and/or corrections fields and decide on the correct ethical choice. (Forensic Identification Certificate SLO)
- SLO 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. (Forensic Identification Certificate SLO).

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 from the college.

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](#)

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

1. Emails
2. Submission of assignments on scheduled due dates -course calendar
3. Feedback on submitted assignments
4. Announcements on Canvas
5. Multiple-choice tests
6. Discussion boards

***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 Distance Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <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](#) 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.*