



# COURSE EXPECTATION LETTER

**Subject:**

AJ 275 - Introduction to Forensic Science

**Email Contact Information:**

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**Catalog Course Description:**

This course prepares administration of justice, forensic science, and California peace officer students for the Forensic Science Identification Program. The course introduces the role of forensics in criminal investigations, examining methods utilized in the forensic analysis of crime scenes, pattern evidence, instruments, firearms, questioned documents, and controlled substances. (3 Units)

Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate placement; READ 043 or appropriate placement

Transfers to: CSU

3 Units 54 Lecture hour

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Given a set of facts the student will determine which items of evidence have scientific value.
2. Presented with a set of facts at a crime scene the student will identify which forensic techniques would be appropriate.
3. Given a variety of items found at a crime scene the student will identify the best methods of preserving 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 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](#)

Over the course of the semester there will be regular instructor student contact.

**Methods of student contact include:**

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include but are not limited to:

- 1-Narrative feedback and numerical score on all written assignments---Any late assignments submitted after the 2nd week will only receive half credit.
- 2-Numerical scores on all quizzes-
- 3-Personal contact via phone for specific problems
- 4-Zoom meetings by appointment
- 5.You will receive feedback on assignments within 24 hours during the week and within 72 hours over weekends.

**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 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.*

### **Additional Information:**