

# CJ-2230: UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS

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## Cuyahoga Community College

### Viewing: CJ-2230 : Undercover Operations

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#### Subject Code

CJ - Criminal Justice

#### Course Number:

2230

#### Title:

Undercover Operations

#### Catalog Description:

History and techniques of undercover operations, both long and short term infiltration. Includes theoretical aspects of undercover work as well as the practical aspects via role-playing and actual field exercises.

#### Credit Hour(s):

3

#### Lecture Hour(s):

3

## Requisites

#### Prerequisite and Corequisite

CJ-1000 Introduction to Criminal Justice.

## Outcomes

#### Course Outcome(s):

Work effectively as a member of an undercover operation unit.

#### Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

#### Objective(s):

1. Evaluate the rationale and need for undercover operations (UC).
2. Interpret the "whole person" syndrome of the undercover operative.
3. Assess and discuss the use of "props" in UC work.
4. Analyze how to obtain alias and false identification via law enforcement and non-law enforcement sources.
5. Utilize methods to "backstop" an undercover operative. (job, arrest record etc.)
6. Evaluate and apply the "do's" and "don'ts" of undercover behavior (i.e. drinking, sex, drug use etc).
7. Secrete a hidden microphone on person and fixed location.
8. Select an undercover team.
9. Formulate an undercover budget.
10. Plan the role of a contact agent.
11. Analyze the underlying violations of the target group.
12. Analyze the investigative techniques leading to an undercover operation.
13. Evaluate the ethnic, age and gender considerations of selecting an undercover operative with a particular target group.
14. Create undercover contact information.
15. Apply proper evidence handling protocols.
16. Role play various under cover scenarios.
17. Formulate the pre operational considerations of an undercover operation.
18. Evaluate a target group to infiltrate.
19. Interpret intelligence information and relate to undercover operations.

20. Apply a working knowledge of informant development.
21. Critique the potential dangers of working with informants in undercover operations.
22. Evaluate and identify the psychological stressors in UC work.
23. Research the family considerations of the undercover operative.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Comply with legal restrictions when working as part of an undercover team.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

**Objective(s):**

1. Evaluate the legal and regulatory parameters, which govern undercover operations.
2. Research the entrapment defense (legal) in UC work and the pre-disposition issues which defeat entrapment defense.
3. Apply the laws and regulations governing electronic surveillance in undercover operations.
4. Apply court preparation techniques and testifying in court.

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**Methods of Evaluation:**

1. Examinations
2. Papers
3. Quizzes
4. Practical assignments
5. Role play
6. Group presentation

**Course Content Outline:**

1. Concepts
  - a. Inappropriate undercover behavior
  - b. Appropriate undercover behavior
  - c. Investigative techniques
  - d. Undercover legal and regulatory parameters
  - e. Electronic surveillance laws and regulations
  - f. Entrapment defense
  - g. Pre-operational considerations
  - h. Target group evaluation techniques
  - i. Informant development techniques
  - j. Psychological stressors
  - k. "Whole" person syndrome
  - l. Budget development
  - m. "Backstopping" techniques
  - n. Contact agent role
  - o. Target group underlying violations
  - p. Reporting techniques
  - q. Evidence handling protocols
  - r. Arrest techniques
  - s. Court preparation techniques
  - t. Testimony
2. Skills
  - a. Evaluating target groups for infiltration
  - b. Using "props" in undercover work
  - c. Obtaining alias and false identification via law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies
  - d. "Backstopping" undercover operation
  - e. Secreting a microphone on a person
  - f. Secreting a microphone on a fixed location
  - g. Selecting an undercover team
  - h. Developing an undercover budget

- i. Identifying the underlying violations of the target group
  - j. Interpreting intelligence information
  - k. Preparing for court
  - l. Testifying in court
3. Issues
- a. Family considerations
  - b. Violence
  - c. Potential dangers of working with informants
  - d. Ethnic, age, and gender considerations of selecting an undercover agent
  - e. Reinsertion of undercover agent into law enforcement mainstream

## Resources

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