

CJ-2410: SECURITY INVESTIGATION

Cuyahoga Community College

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Subject Code

CJ - Criminal Justice

Course Number:

2410

Title:

Security Investigation

Catalog Description:

Intensive examination of investigative function as it relates to private security. Criminal and non-criminal investigations. Study of databanks, surveillance methods, interviews, backgrounds, and report preparation.

Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

CJ-1050 Introduction to Security departmental approval: prior knowledge or experience.

Outcomes

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Follow the proper and legal procedures when conducting various types of security investigations

Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:

Information Literacy: Acquire, evaluate, and use information from credible sources in order to meet information needs for a specific research purpose.

Written Communication: Demonstrate effective written communication for an intended audience that follows genre/disciplinary conventions that reflect clarity, organization, and editing skills.

Objective(s):

1. Analyze the proper and legal procedures for conducting a security investigation.
 2. Formulate methods to conduct various types of business investigations including fraud investigations; due diligence investigations; insurance investigations; safety incident/ root cause investigations; and back ground investigations.
 3. Design practices for preparing and taking cases to prosecutors / law enforcement.
 4. Critique proper and improper investigative methods.
 5. Evaluate the necessary steps to facilitate processing of investigations.
 6. Utilize the proper chain of evidence in a hypothetical investigation.
 7. Adapt the means of developing investigative leads including the interviewing of witnesses to a private security environment.
 8. Correlate the proper surveillance types for a particular installation.
 9. Analyze the alternatives for case preparation and further processing of an investigation.
 10. Prepare an investigation for presentation in the proper reporting format.
 11. Interpret the differences between an internal administrative investigation and a criminal investigation.
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Methods of Evaluation:

1. Midterm and final examination
2. Quizzes
3. Demonstrate investigative processes
4. Individual presentation
5. Research paper

Course Content Outline:

1. History of investigation: historical figures in investigation
 - a. Historical figures in investigation
 - b. Development of the private sector
2. The investigation process
 - a. Preliminary investigation
 - b. Continuing investigation
 - c. Qualifications and duties of the investigator
 - d. Selective case assignment
3. Legal significance of evidence
 - a. Nature of evidence
 - b. Admissibility
 - c. Doctrine of reasonable doubt and proof
4. Searching the crime scene
 - a. Search procedures
 - b. Collecting and identifying evidence
 - c. Physical changes of the scene
5. Recording the crime scene
 - a. Field notes and reports
 - b. Photographs and sketches
6. Collection and preservation of evidence
 - a. Collecting
 - b. Marking
 - c. Packaging
 - d. Transporting
7. Investigative leads
 - a. Field contacts
 - b. Stolen property
 - c. Modus Operandi
8. Locating witnesses
 - a. Computer database searches
 - b. Neighborhood canvasses
 - c. Review of reports
9. Interviewing and interrogation
 - a. Interview methods
 - b. Interrogation methods
 - c. Legal considerations
 - d. Common errors
10. Surveillance and intelligence
 - a. Covert vs. overt surveillance
 - b. Use of informants
11. Case preparation
 - a. Note taking and report writing
 - b. Imagery and scene documentation

Resources

Nemeth, Charles. *Private Security and the Investigative Process*. 3rd. Taylor and Francis, 2010.

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