

3. Define hearsay, rules of admissibility, and understand the exceptions to the Hearsay Rule.
4. Critique and argue the different requirements and responsibilities of law and expert witnesses and how it differentiates from other legal systems in the world.

GRADING PROCEDURE:

Total Points:	500 points
Tests: Four tests at 50 points each =	200 points
Term Paper: (Topic Approved by Instructor) =	100 Points
Final Exam =	100 Points
Class attendance/participation in discussions, or activities =	100 Points
*Bonus (Approved by Instructor) =	*50 Points

A = 450-500 B = 400-449 C = 350-399 D = 300-349 F = 0-299

PLEASE NOTE: Assignments are due on the date stated on the syllabus. Late assignments are subject to reduction of points. Make every effort to turn in assignments on time or you may receive a zero for that assignment.

Failure to take an exam will result in a zero for that exam unless prior approval is given by the instructor. Exams will be thirty minutes long and will be given at the start of class. If you are late to class, you will not be given extra time to take the exam. Bring a No. 2 Pencil and Scantron form to class on exam days.

You must communicate to your instructor any problems that you are having with the course.

ATTENDANCE: One of the institutional learning outcomes at IVC is personal responsibility. You will be expected to demonstrate personal responsibility by attending class, showing up on time, and not leaving early. You will be allowed two absences from class before the drop deadline. Do not assume you will be dropped for non-attendance. Missing more than half a class session will count as a full absence. *(It remains your responsibility to drop yourself from all courses that you no longer attend, or you risk getting a failing grade on your transcript.)* Refer to page 15 of your Fall Class Schedule 2014 catalogue for “ATTENDANCE AND AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS”; you are RESPONSIBLE!

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Cheating is defined as copying answers from another student on an exam or assignment, allowing another student to copy answers from you, turning in work as your won that someone else did for you, working with another student on an assignment with the instructor’s express consent, or turning in a writing assignment that uses another’s words or ideas without crediting the source of the words or ideas.

PLAGIRISM will not be tolerated! If a student uses the words or ideas of another person without giving that person credit, the student is committing an act of plagiarism.

CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! Anyone caught cheating will get a zero for the assignment or exam and may be dropped from the class with the grade of **“F”**.

PARTICIPATION: Every student is expected to participate in class discussion each week. This includes punctuality, contributions, personal opinions, group efforts if assigned and discussion of issues relating to the current assignment of the class. Newspaper article discussions on how local crime impacts our community, state and federal levels.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR: Any conduct that disrupts the learning process cannot be tolerated. Anyone engaging in such conduct will be asked to leave the classroom. Talking, whispering, loud yawning, and cell phones ringing during class are examples of disruptive behavior because such actions are disrespectful and distracting to the instructor and to other students. Respect your fellow students and instructors at all times.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHILE IN CLASS!

NOTICE: Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP & S) Office as soon as possible. [SDP&S, Health Sciences Building 2100, Phone: (760) 355-6312]

AJ 104 Legal Aspects of Evidence
(Tuesday/Thursday 4:45 to 6:10 pm)

Class Schedule:

Week	Date	Topic
1	08/22/14	Introduction / History of Evidence and the Legal Process
2	08/29/14	U.S. Constitution and Amendments & Introduction to Evidence (Chapter 1)
3	09/05/14	Ways of Presenting Evidence (Chapter 2)
4	09/12/14	Test #1: – Testimony (Chapter 3)
5	09/19/14	Writings (Chapter 4)
6	09/26/14	Material Objects (Chapter 5)
7	10/03/14	Test #2: – Relevant Evidence (Chapter 6)
8	10/10/14	Competency & Credibility (Chapter 7)
9	10/17/14	Burden of Proof (Chapter 8)
10	10/24/14	Test #3: – Witness Privileges (Chapter 9)
11	10/31/14	Hearsay Evidence (Chapter 10)
12	11/07/14	Test #4: – The Fourth Amendment – Search and Seizure (Chapter 11)
13	11/14/14	The Fourth Amendment – Search and Seizure (Chapter 11)
14	11/21/14	Miranda and Confession Law (Chapter 12)
15	11/28/14	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class
16	12/05/14	Methods of Identification (Chapter 13)
17	12/12/14	Final Exam. Term Paper Due.