# SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS \& TECHNOLOGY <br> SAUL STE. MARIE, ONTARIO 

COURSE OUTLINE

## OFFICE PROCEDURES

## COUilSE TITLE:



## APPROVED;



## COURSE NAME

COURSE CODE

## Total Credit Hours - 75

Prerequisite (s) - None

## 1. PHILOSOPHY/GOALS

This course is an introduction to basic office procedures and technology geared to reflect current changes in the workplace contrasting the "traditional office of yesterday with the sophisticated "electronic" office of today," Topics to be covered include time management, dictation/transcription techniques, postal requirements, appointment scheduling, travel and meeting arrangements, reprographics, telephone techniques and human relations.

## II. STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will have:
1- Gained an understanding of how a knowledge of office procedures assists the office worker in the business field.
2. Gained an understanding of the application of office procedures in both "traditional" and "electronic" offices.
3. Become familiar with the office environment in the following areas:

- equipment
- ergonomics
- organization
- human relations

4. Gained an understanding of the role and duties of a secretary (and related titles) in both the large and small business setting. Duties students will become familiar with include taking/transcribing dictation, greeting callers, handling mail responsibilities, making travel and meeting arrangements, filing and utilizing appropriate reprographic services.
5. Acquired an understanding of the various services in the business community (telecommunications, postal, courier, travel, office supply houses, equipment, vendors, etc.)
OFFICE PROCEDURES-COMMONOPClOO
III. TOPICS TO BE COVERED
6. Filing
7. Human Relations
8. Time Management
9. Dictation/Transcription
10. Mail
6•Callers/Appointments
11. City Directory
12. Telephone
9- Reprographics
13. Travel
14. Meetings
IV. LEARNING ACTIVITIES
CHAPTER 7 - FILING
LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
Given an in-class test consisting of $T / F, f i l l-i n, ~ m u l t i p l e ~ c h o i c e, ~$matching, short essay, and an application element, as well as weeklyquizzes, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond toquestions in the following areas:

- describe the procedure for preparing records for filingidentify correspondence and card filingdescribe methods of record transfer and storagedescribe charge-out methods in filingindex and alphabetize names in alphabetic filing systemfile relevant material using alphabetic, subject, geographic andnumeric filing systems
- compare the four major filing systems listed above
LEARNING ACTIVITIES:
Text Reading: pp. 119-147
Questions: pp.146-147, 1-30
Progressive Filing Kit
ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (13) 50-minute periods


## Chapter 1 - HUMAN RELATIONS

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Given an in-class test consisting of $T / F$, fill-in, multiple choice, matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following areas:
the desirable personality traits and attitudes of an effective secretary
the possible arrangements for assigning a secretary to more than one executive
the priorities to be considered when scheduling secretarial work assignments
the secretary's responsibilities when deputizing work methods that save time when answering telephones for a group methods that increase filing accuracy when filing for more than one employer
preparing and keeping a time distribution chart

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 13-25
Questions: pp. 24-29, 1-29
Production Problem: pg. 27, lA

ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (4) 50-minute periods

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Chapter 2 - MANAGEMENT OF WORK AND TIME
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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Given an in-class test consisting of $T / F$, fill-in, multiple choice, matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following areas:

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- methods for planning work efficiently
    procedures that ensure accuracy when checking typewritten work
    ways in which slack time can be used to increase efficiency
    handling interruptions in work without wasting time
    methods of preparing for the next day's work
    the working area at a desk and the appropriate placement of equip-
    ment and supplies
- a tickler file and a reading file
    a daily plan chart
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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 29-43
Questions: pp. 42-43, 1-30
Production Problem: pg. 44, 2A

## ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (6) SO-minute periods

## CHAPTER 5 - DICTATIONA AND TRANSCRIPTION

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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Given an in-class test consisting of T/F, fill-in, multiple choice,
matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will
demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following
areas:
    efficient notebook techniques when taking shorthand dictation
    marking shorthand notes with signals and special instructions
    procedures for taking dictation over the telephone and at informal
    meetings
    methods for taking dictation for completion of a form
    steps taken to produce error-free transcripts from shorthand notes
    and dictation equipment
- methods for keeping transcripts confidential
    procedures for addressing envelopes, assembling enclosures, and
    folding and inserting letters in envelopes
    transcribing, arranging and submitting dictated letters for
    signature
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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 71-87
Questions: pp, 85-87, 1-30
Production Problems: pp. 88-89, 5A, 5B, 5C

## ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (7) SO-minute periods

## CHAPTER 6 - POSTAL INFORMATION AND MAIL SERVICES

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Given an in-class test consisting of T/F, fill-in, multiple choice, matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following areas:

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select the most suitable classification of domestic mail service
for specified items
distinguish between the three categories of mail - domestic,
U.S.A., and international
find information regarding the application of rates of postage
to items of mail
discuss the packaging and addressing of parcels in a manner
acceptable for mailing
identify when the following methods of postage payment should be
used: postage stamps, postage meters, postage-paid-in-cash permit
system, and business reply mail
- define the following postal services and recognize when it is
advantageous to use each service: registered mail, certified
mail, insurance, money orders, special delivery, C.o.D. service,
redirection of mail, and lock box and bag service
list the various kinds of common "courier" services
define "electronic" mail
describe "Telepost" and "Intelpost" and describe how to use locally
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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 91-113 and Instructor Handout Questions: pp. 113-115, 1-26
Production Problems: pp. 116-117, 6A, 6B

## CHAPTER 8 - OFFICE CALLERS AND APPOINTMENTS

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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Given an in-class test consisting of T/F, fill-in, multiple choice,
matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will
demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following
areas:
    schedule and cancel office appointments
- explain techniques for keeping a well-ordered appointment book
    describe the courtesies necessary when receiving office callers
- explain secretarial responsibilities regarding appointments in
    the following areas: (a) advance preparation;
        (b) interruption of the executive or the caller;
        (c) termination o the appointment
    prepare a daily appointment calendar
    type an appointment schedule from a daily calendar
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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 154-168
Questions: pp. 167-168, 1-25
Production Problem: pp. 169, 8A

ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (5) 50-minute periods

## CHAPTER 9 - TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH USAGE

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Given an in-class test consisting of $T / F$, fill-in, multiple choice, matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following areas:

- use a telephone directory to locate information describe the procedures for answering and transferring office calls describe the procedures for placing and receiving long distance calls
state the various kinds of long distance service
identify basic telephone equipment and systems
describe auxiliary telephone services
determine the appropriate time to call offices in other time zones record telephone messages on telephone message blanks
plan and record information needed before placing calls describe the classes of domestic and international telegraph service
- evaluate a telegraph message for completeness and conciseness
- determine the factors which could influence the delivery of international telegrams


## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 173-187
Instructor Handout
Questions: pp. 196-197, 1-23
Production Problems: pp. 199-200, 9A and 9B

## ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (5) 50-minute periods

## REPROGRAPHICS - HANDOUT

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Given an in-class test consisting of $T / F, f i l l-i n, ~ m u l t i p l e ~ c h o i c e, ~$ matching, short essay and an application element, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following areas:
recognize and identify the difference between copying and duplicating

- specify which process is best suited to a variety of office reprographic needs (copy vs. duplicating)
prepare typewritten originals for copy and facsimile masters discuss the necessity for controls in office copying identify items which are protected by law against illegal copying
- discuss the role of the copier in the integrated office list and discuss reprographic equipment and specialized reprographic services

LEARNING ACTIVITIES:
Reading: Instructor Handout
Jobs: Handout

ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (3) 50-minute periods

## CHAPTER 10 - MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Given an in-class test consisting of $T / F, f i l l-i n, ~ m u l t i p l e ~ c h o i c e, ~$ matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following areas:

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    list the services provided by travel agencies
    indicate the information needed before contacting a travel agent
    about a proposed trip
    classify the types of air-travel service
    describe the procedures for making flight, car and hotel
    reservations
    interpret a flight timetable
    state the requirements for acquiring passports, visas, and
    immunizations
    outline the secretarial responsibilities before, during and after
    an executive's trip
- prepare and type an itinerary
    prepare an expense account statement
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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Text Reading: pp. 203-217
Questions: pp. 217-218, 1-27
Production Problems: pp. 219-220, lOA and lOB

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ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (5) 50-minute periods
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## CHAPTER 11 - ASSISTING WITH MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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Given an in-class test consisting of T/F, fill-in, multiple choice,
matching, short essay, and an application element, the student will
demonstrate the ability to respond to questions in the following
areas:
    describe the preliminary arrangements to be made for informal
    and formal meetings
    explain how to prepare notices for meetings and agendas
- describe the assembly of supportive materials before and after
    meetings
    compare the procedures for taking minutes in shorthand and
    with a tape recorder
    prepare a notice of meeting in post-card form
    compose and type minutes from rough notes
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## LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Te Xt Re ad i ng: pp. 222-235
Questions: pp. 235-236, 1-28
Production Problems: pp. 237-239, llA and IIB

## ESTIMATED TIME TO ACHIEVE: (5) 50-minute periods

## OFFICE PROCEDURES-COMMON

## OPCIOO

EVALUATION METHODS

## GRADE/NUMERICAL EQUIVALENCIES:

| A+ | $90 \%-100 \%$ |  | CONSISTENTLY OUTSTANDING |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A | $80 \%-$ | $89 \%$ |  |  |
| B OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT |  |  |  |  |
| C | $70 \%-$ | $79 \%$ |  | CONSISTENTLY ABOVE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT |
| R | $60 \%-$ | $69 \%$ |  | SATISFACTORY OR ACCEPTABLE ACHIEVEMENT |
|  |  | RELOW $60 \%$ |  | ACHIEVED AND THE COURSE MUST BE REPEATED |

## MID-TERM REPORTING

S - Satisfactory Progress
U - Unsatisfactory Progress
R - Repeat (objectives have not been met)
NR - Grade not reported to Registrar's Office. This grade issued to facilitate transcript production when faculty, because of extenuating circumstances, find it impossible to report grades by due dates-

## OPCIOO METHODS OF EVALUATION

| Test No* | Weighting | Objective Coverage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 15\% | Chapter 1 (Human Relations) <br> Chapter 2 (Time Management) |
| 2 | 20\% | ```Chapter 5 (Dictation/Trans- cription) and Chapter 6 Postal)``` |
| 3 | 20\% | ```Chapter 8 (Callers/Appoint- ments)/ Chapter 9 (Telephone) and City Directory (Vernon's)``` |
| 4 | 20\% | Chapter 10 (Travel), Chapter <br> 11 (Meetings) and Reprogphics |
| 5 | 20\% | Filing |

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PERCENTAGE OE GRADE - TESTS - 95%
PERCENTAGE OF GRADE - PRODUCTION PROBLEMS/ASSIGNMENTS - 5%
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## GUIDELINES RE GRADING:

1. If a student is not able to write a test because of illness, or a legitimate emergency, that student must contact the instructor prior to the test and provide an explanation which is acceptable to the instructor (medical certificates or other appropriate proof may be required). In cases where the student has contacted the instructor, and where the reason is not classified as an emergency, i.e. slept in, forgot, etc, , the highest achievable grade is a "C"- In cases where the student has not contacted the instructor, the student will receive a mark of "0" on that test. THERE WILI BE NO REWRITES OF TESTS OR QUIZZES.
2. Production problems and any other assigned work where a "due date" has been announced are due in the assigned class period. Late assignments will not be accepted.
3. Each student will be required to keep a file in a designated classroom. This will facilitate the return of assignments, grades and any messages the Office Administration faculty need to relay to the student.
4. Field trips and guest speakers are arranged to supplement classroom activities. Attendance is mandatory. If a student is not in attendance, then the student will have a choice of either (a) a loss of $10 \%$ of the accumulative semester mark (daily) work, or (b) preparing a paper relating to the field trip or topic under discussion - particulars to be approved by instructor.

## VI. REQUIRED STUDENT RESOURCES:

## Textbooks;

1. Secretarial and General Office Procedures, Canadian Edition, Lucy Mae Jennings, Blanche M. Fedoruk, Prentice-Hall, Canada, inc, 1984-
2. Progressive Filing Practice Set, 9th edition, Stewart, Scharle and Kahn, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., 1980.

Supplies:
Paperclips
Notepaper for lecture notes (type your choice)
Newsprint (file copies)
Onionskin (carbon copies)
Carbon paper (heavy duty)
Manilla File Folders - 8 1/2" x 11" (minimum of 3)
Erasing Material (duplex eraser, liquid paper, etc., instructor will
advise), "Lift-oft" tape
Dictionary - Webster's New World Dictionary, 3rd College Edition,
Indexed Version
Note: This course outline is subject to change.

## ESTIMATED COURSE SCHEDULE

| Review of Course Outline | (1 period) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Filing Kits and Chapter 7 - |  |
| Filing (filing class every Wednesday) | (12 periods) |
| Chapter 1 - Human Relations | (4 periods) |
| Chapter 2 - Time Management | (6 periods) |
| Test \#1 - Chapters 1 and 2 | (1 period) |
| Chapter 5 - Dictation \& Transcription | (7 periods) |
| Chapter 6 - Postal Information and |  |
| Mail Services | (11 periods) |
| Test \#2 - Chapters 5 and 6 | (1 period) |
| Chapter 8 - Callers and Appointments | (5 periods) |
| City Directory (Vernon's) | (2 periods) |
| Chapter 9 - Telephone | (5 periods) |
| Test \#3 - Chapters 8, 9 and |  |
| City Directory | (1 period) |
| Reprographics | (3 periods) |
| Chapter 10 - Travel | (5 periods) |
| Chapter 11 - Meetings | (5 periods) |
| Test \#4 - Reprographics, |  |
| Chapters 10, 11 | (1 period) |
| Test \#5 - Filing | (1 period) |
| Guest speakers | (2 periods) |
| Review period | (1 period) |

## ESTIMATED TIMETABLE ONLY

## Week 1 - September 5-8

Tues, , Sept. 5

Wed., Sept, 6
Thurs., Sept. 7
Fri., Sept. 8
Week 2 - September 11-15

Mon./ Sept. 11
Tues., Sept. 12
Wed., Sept- 13
Thurs., Sept. 14
Fri., Sept. 15
Week 3 - September 18-22
Mon., Sept. 18
Tues., Sept. 19
Wed., Sept. 20
Thurs., Sept. 21
Fri., Sept. 22
Week 4 - September 25-29
Mon., Sept. 25
Tues., Sept. 26
Wed., Sept 27
Thurs., Sept. 28
Fri., Sept. 29
Week 5 - October 2-6
Mon., Oct. 2
Tues., Oct. 3
Wed., Oct. 4
Thurs., Oct. 5
Fri., Oct. 6

Review Course Outline
Students to have slip for filing kits for Wednesday
Introduce Filing Kits
Chapter 1 - Human Relations
Chapter 1 -

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Chapter 1 -
Chapter 1 -
Filing Kit
Chapter 2 - Time Management
Chapter 2 -
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Chapter 2 -
Chapter 2 -
Filing Kit
Chapter 2
Chapter 2 -

Chapter 5 - Dictation and
Transcription
Chapter 5
Filing Kit
Chapter 5 -
TEST \#1 - CHAPTERS 1 \&

Chapter 5 -
Chapter 5 -
Filing Kit
Chapter 5 -
Chapter 5 -

Week 6 - October 9-13
Mon., Oct. 9
Tues., Oct. 10
Wed., Oct. 11
Thurs., Oct. 12
Fri., Oct. 13
Week 7 - October 16-20
Mon.r Oct. 16
Tues-, Oct. 17
Wed., Oct. 18
Thurs., Oct. 19
Fri., Oct. 20
Week 8 - October 23-27

Mon., Oct. 23
Tues., Oct. 24
Wed.r Oct. 25
Thurs./ Oct. 26
Fri., Oct. 27
Wee 9 - October 30-Nov. 3
Mon., Oct. 30
Tues.I Oct. 31
Wed./ Nov. 1
Thurs., Nov. 2
Fri., Nov. 3
Week 10 - Nov. 6-10
Mon., Nov. 6
Tues., Nov. 7
Wed.r Nov. 8
Thurs., Nov. 9
Fri., Nov. 10

THANKSGIVING
Chapter 6 - Mail
Filing Kit
Chapter 6 -
Chapter 6 -

Chapter 6 -
Chapter 6 -
Filing Kit
Chapter 6 -
Chapter 6 -

Chapter 6 -
Review use of Postal Directory
Filing Kit
Chapter 6
Chapter 6 -

Chapter 8 - Callers and
Appointments
Chapter 8 -
Filing Kit
Chapter 8
TEST \#2 - CHAPTERS 5 \& 6

Chapter 8 -
Chapter 8 -
Filing Kit
Vernon's Directory (handout)
Vernon*s Di rectory (assignment)

Week 11 - Nov. 13-17
Mon., Nov. 13
Tues-, Nov. 14
Wed., Nov, 15
Thurs., Nov- 16
Fri., Nov. 17
Week 12 - Nov. 20-24

Mon., Nov. 20
Tues., Nov. 21
Wed., Nov. 22
Thurs., Nov. 23
Fri., Nov. 24
Week 13 - Nov. 27-Dec- 1
Mon., Nov. 27
Tues., Nov. 28
Wed., Nov. 29
Thurs., Nov. 30
Fri-/ Dec. 1
Week 14 - Dec. 4-8

Mon./ Dec. 4
Tues., Dec. 5
Wed., Dec. 6
Thurs., Dec. 7
Fri., Dec. 8
Week 15 - Dec. 11-15
Mon., Dec. 11
Tues., Dec. 12
Wed., Dec. 13
Thurs., Dec. 14
Fri.r Dec. 15

Week 16 - Dec. 18-20
Mon., Dec. 18
Tues., Dec. 19
Wed., Dec. 20
Thurs-, Dec- 21
Fri., Dec. 22

Chapter 9 - Telephone
Chapter 9 -
Filing Kit
Chapter 9
Chapter 9

Chapter 9 - Telegram Handout Reprographics (Handout)
Filing Kit
Reprographics Handout
Reprographics

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TEST \#3 - CHAPTERS 8,9, AND VERNON'S DIRECTORY
Chapter 10 - Travel
TEST \#4 - FILING
Chapter 10 -
Chapter 10 -
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Chapter 10 -
Chapter 10 -
Guest Speaker (if available)
Chapter 11 - Meetings
Chapter 11

Chapter 11 -
Chapter 11 -
Chapter 11 -
Guest Speaker (if available) Review Period

TEST \#5 - CHAPTERS 10,11 AND
REPROGRAPHICS

## ESTIMATED FILING SCHEDULE

| DATE | ASSIGNMENT |
| :---: | :---: |
| Wed., Sept (Week. 1) | Introduction to Filing Kits <br> Lecture - Review Rules $1-2-3-4-5, ~ p g, ~ 6$ <br> Homework - Kit - Jobs 1-2-3. pg. 11 <br> - Text - Read page 119 - The <br> Need for Filing Systems - Questions 1-3 - pp. 131-132 - Alphabetic Filing Procedures - Primary Guides, Individual Name Folders, Miscellaneous Folders Special Guides - Colour Coding Questions 28-30 |
| Wed., Sept, 13 (Week 2) | ```Discuss Homework (take up jobs and readings) Lecture - Rules 6-7-8, pg 7 Homework - Kit - Jobs 4-5 6, pg. 11 - Text - Read pp 125-127 - Supplies, Guides, Folders and Labels - Qeustions 15-21 Quiz next week on Rules 1-8``` |
| Wed., Sept 20 (Week 3) | Discuss homework (take up jobs) <br> Quiz - job \#8 (Rules 1-8) <br> Discuss homework readings <br> Lecture - Rules 9-10-11-12, pg. 7 <br> Homework - Kit - Jobs 9-10, pg. 13 <br> - Text - Read pp. 127-129 <br> Equipment for Correspondence and Cards - Housing Correspondence - Maintaining Card Files - Questions 22-24 |
| Wed., Sept 27 (Week 4) | Discuss homework (take up jobs and readings) <br> Lecture - Rules 13-14-15-16-17-18, pg. 8 <br> Homework - Kit - Jobs 11-12-13-14, pp. 13-14 <br> - Text - Read pages 124-125 Techniques for Filing Papers - Chargeout Methods - Questions 11-14 <br> Quiz next week on Rules 1-18 |

Wed-, Oct. 4
(Week 5)

Wed-, Oct 11 (Week 6)

| Wed-/ Oct | 18 |
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| (Week 7) |  |

Wed., Oct 25
(Week 8)

Wed., Nov,
(Week 9)

Discuss homework (take up jobs)
Quiz - Job \#16 (Rules 1-18)
Discuss homework readings
Lecture - Rules 19-20-21-22, pg- 9
Homework - Kit - Jobs 17-18, pg. 14

- Text - pp. 119-124 - Filing

Procedures - Preparation of Papers for Filing - Inspecting, Reading and Indexing, Coding and Cross-Referencing

- Questions 4-10

Discuss homework (take up jobs and readings)
Lecture - Rules 23-24-25, pg. 9
Homework - Kit - Jobs 19-20-23,
pp. 14-15
Quiz next week on Rules 1-25
Discuss homework (take up jobs)
Quiz -Job \#22 (Rules 1-25)
Lecture - Introduce Alphabetic
Correspondence Filing
Homework - Kit - Jobs 25-26-27-28 -
pp. 17-21

- Text - pp- 129-131

Records Retention and Transfer -
Retention Transfer Methods - Perpetual
Method - Periodic Method - Microfilm
and Microfiche - Questions 25-27
Subject Filing - pg. 142
Quiz next week on Jobs 25-28
Discuss homework (take up jobs)
Quiz - Job \#31 (alphabetic
correspondence filing)
Discuss readings
Lecture - Introduce Alphabetic Subject Filing
Homework - Kit - Jobs 32-33-34-35,
pp. 23-27
Discuss homework (take up jobs)
Lecture Numeric Subject Correspondence Filing
Homework - Kit - Jobs 36-37, pp, 27-29

- Text - pp. 144-145 -

Numeric Filing
Quiz next week on subject filing


