

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: EVIDENCE

Code No.: LAS 400

Program: LAW AND SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 45 hours

PREREQUISITES: None

I. PHILOSOPHY/GOALS

This course will provide the students with a history of the development of the rules of evidence and an understanding of the process by which evidence is admitted in Court and weighed by trial Judges in determining criminal liability.

The course will develop an understanding of the protections provided to accused persons and of the responsibilities of the state in obtaining evidence and in having it admitted in Court.

II. STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- a) have a working knowledge of basic rules of evidence.
- b) have a working knowledge of the Court process involved in admitting evidence and in applying evidence after admission.
- c) have a working knowledge of evidentiary terms.
- d) have a working knowledge of statute law governing admissibility of some types of evidence.
- e) have an understanding of authority of state in obtaining evidence.
- f) have an appreciation of the function of the investigating officer, the Crown and the trial Judge in the evidentiary process.
- g) have an understanding of effective preparation of evidence for Court.

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111. TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- a) Origins and General Principles of law of Criminal Evidence.
- b) Classification of Evidence
- c) Circumstantial Evidence
- d) Documentary Evidence
- e) Real Evidence
- f) General Principles of Evidence
 - hearsay
 - statements
 - res gestae
 - Commission evidence
 - opinion evidence
 - expert evidence
 - character evidence
 - similar fact evidence
 - admissions and confessions
 - proof of particular issues
 - burden of proof
 - corroboration
 - child witnesses
 - spousal evidence
 - wiretap evidence

IV LEARNING ACTIVITIES/REQUIRED RESOURCES

not applicable

V EVALUATION METHODS

a final grade will be derived from the results of two tests as follows:

