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

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title:	EVIDENCE
Course No.:	LAS 400
Program:	LAW & SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Semester:	THREE
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Credit Hours: 45

PHILOSOPHY

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 the Trial Judges on determining criminal liability. Also, the course will help the students understand the protection provided to accused persons and the responsibilities of the crown to prove the case in question.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- a. have a working knowledge of the basic rules of evidence
- b. have an understanding of the basic terms relating to evidence
- c. have a working knowledge of the law concerning admissibility of evidence
- d. have an understanding of the responsibility of the Crown in proving the case and how the Crown goes about it
- e. have a working knowledge of the court process as it pertains to evidence

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- 1. Introduction to Evidence
- 2. Classification of Evidence
- 3. Competency and Compellability
- 4. Privileged Communications
- 5. Facts in Issue
- 6. Burden of Proof
- 7. Direct Evidence
- 8. Circumstantial Evidence
- 9. Best Evidence Rule
- 10. Presumptions
- 11. Corroboration
- 12. Relevancy and Admissibility
- 13. Character Evidence
- 14. Similar Acts and Facts
- 15. Opinion Evidence
- 16. Hearsay
- 17. Statements in Presence and Hearing of Accused
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- 20. Judge's Rules

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EVALUATION

Class: Attendance

Participation

Short Presentation 25%

Other Areas - Readings

Midterm 25%

Final Exam 50%

RESOURCES

Criminal Evidence for Police, Weston and Wells Examination of Witnesses, Levy-Pocket Criminal Code of Canada

SAULT COLLEGE GRADING SYSTEM

A+ = 90 - 100

A = 80 - 89

B = 70 - 79

C = 60 - 69

R = Below 60 (Repeat)