

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: EVIDENCE

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Course No.: LAS 400

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Program: LAW & SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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Semester: THREE

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Evidence  
Instructor: J. Turner  
Credit Hours: 45

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### **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

**COLLEGE GRADING POLICY**

A+ = 90 - 100%  
A = 80 - 89%  
B - **70** - 79%  
C = 60 - 69%  
R = Below 60 (Repeat Course)

**SPECIAL NEEDS NOTE**

Students with special needs (eg. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities) are encouraged to discuss required accommodations confidentially with the instructor.

Your instructor reserves the right to modify the course as he/she deems necessary to meet the needs of students.