

SANTA ANA COLLEGE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMIES  
COURSE SYLLABUS

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Santa Ana College  
inspires, transforms, and  
empowers a diverse  
community of learners.

**COURSE TITLE:** Basic Homicide Investigation (CJA 012)

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Differentiate the different roles expected from each member of the investigation team
- Identify what factors are required for an investigator to obtain a search warrant in a criminal investigation
- Demonstrate an understanding of the laws involved in interviewing an individual suspected of a crime
- Identify the capabilities of a criminal forensic team during a homicide investigation

**GRADING:**

All course testing protocols are consistent with California – Standards and Training (for) Corrections (STC) or Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) rules and regulations.

STC or POST certified instructors evaluate student performance in all tested exercises. Students are required to pass all tested exercises to pass the course.

Homework assignments – Evaluated by instructor (Pass/Fail)

Practical application exercises – Evaluated by instructor (Pass/Fail)

Scale: 70% or higher – Pass / Lower than 70% - No Pass

**SCHEDULED COURSE:**

See Santa Ana College 2017-2018 Catalog at [sac.edu](http://sac.edu), or call the CJA Office at 714-566-9200

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Supplied by instructor during the first class meeting

**COURSE CONTENT:**

INVESTIGATIVE ROLES

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

SEARCH WARRANTS

INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES

MEDICAL/LEGAL INVESTIGATION of DEATH

FORENSICS

GANG INVESTIGATIONS

LAWS OF HOMICIDE

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

**LEARNING METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED:**

Class Discussions, Guest Speakers, Handouts, Practical Application, Instructor Demonstrations

**SKILLS TO BE MEASURED BY:**

Homework assignments, Practical application exercises

**ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:**

From 2017-2018 SAC Catalog, page 20: Students at Santa Ana College are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. To falsify the results of one's research, to steal the words or ideas of another, or to cheat on an examination, corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced. Academic dishonesty is seen as an intentional act of fraud, in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization, or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information in any academic exercise. As institutions, we also consider academic dishonesty to include forgery of academic

documents, intentionally impeding or damaging the academic work of others, assisting other students in acts of dishonesty or coercing students into acts of dishonesty.

**ACADEMIC ACCOMODATION STATEMENT:**

A student with a disability, who would like to request an academic accommodation, is responsible for identifying herself/himself to the instructor and to the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). To make arrangements for academic accommodations, contact the Disabled Student Office in Johnson Center, U-103, or phone (714) 564-6264, TTY (714) 564-6284 for a referral to the appropriate DSPS Department.