



**Course Name:** Interview and Interrogation

**Course Number:** CJS\* E139

**Credits:** 3

**Catalog description:**

A comprehensive overview of the processes of interviewing and interrogation. Students will be introduced to a variety of interview and interrogation techniques and strategies. The course will cover interviewing and interrogation of witnesses, victims, suspects and children. Students will perform mock interviews and interrogations to demonstrate their understanding of the course materials presented. Legal and ethical considerations involved will also be discussed.

**Prerequisite:** CJS\*E101 – Introduction to Criminal Justice; PSY\*E111 – General Psychology I

**Corequisite, or Parallel:**

**General Education Competencies Satisfied:**

**HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):** None

**Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:**

**ORAX\*\***                      **Oral Communication in English**

**Embedded Competency(ies):** None

**Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):** None

**Course objectives:**

**General Education Goals and Outcomes:**

**Oral Communication in English** (*for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs*): Students will be prepared to develop oral messages of varying lengths and styles that communicate effectively and appropriately across a variety of settings. \*\*

**\*\* This course only meets the Oral Communication requirement for students enrolled in a Criminal Justice program**



### **Course Specific Objectives:**

1. Differentiate between interviewing and interrogation.
2. Comprehend and identify the various psychological/sociological impacts on victims, witnesses and suspects.
3. Develop active listening skills.
4. Develop understanding of interpersonal communication skills.
5. Develop ability to make sound decisions in a limited amount of time.
6. Develop understanding of special ethical issues in the criminal justice professions.
7. Identify various communication techniques used in interviews and interrogations, and apply them in mock scenarios.

### **Course Content:**

#### Interview vs. Interrogation

- (a) introduction
- (b) purpose
- (c) personality

#### Uses

- (a) styles
- (b) scheduled vs. unscheduled
- (c) witnesses and informants
- (d) suspects

#### Strategies

- (a) field situations
- (b) friendly vs. hostile environment
- (c) open vs. closed environment
- (d) single vs. multiple contacts
- (e) other strategies

#### Techniques

- (a) psychological tactics
- (b) silence
- (c) verbal styles
- (d) tests for deception
- (e) other considerations

#### Legal Considerations

- (a) Miranda
- (b) validity of confession
- (c) other considerations

#### Use of other methods

- (a) polygraph
- (b) drugs
- (c) hypnosis



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