



**ADMJ 78 Correctional Investigation
4 UNITS – SUMMER 2025 DE ANZA COLLEGE**

WELCOME TO CORRECTIONAL INVESTIGATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will examine the investigation practices that take place within correctional facilities. The course will examine the investigatory methods and practices used by law enforcement in combatting drugs, escape, theft, sexual assault, murder and other crimes within the correctional arena.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Students will identify the history and evolution of criminal investigations within the correctional setting.
2. Describe and evaluate the elements of correctional investigation and pre-sentence court reports
3. Describe and compare the community and government agencies that affect the correctional investigation process.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student Learning Outcome: Explain the evolution of modern criminal investigation within the correctional setting.

Student Learning Outcome: Analyze the effect that community agencies have had on correctional programs and procedures.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Practical Criminal Investigations in Correctional Facilities by William R. Bell



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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Need help with this course? Student Success Center peer tutors are ready for you!

- Link to <http://deanza.edu/studentsuccess/>.
- Join the SSC Resources Canvas site - <https://deanza.instructure.com/enroll/MAF7Y8>
- Link to SSC Welcome Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHgTex-Rrlo>

- Tutoring: Go to the SSC homepage and click on the yellow link to join SSC Resources Canvas. Once there, click on Modules, then the SSC area for your course to see SSC Zoom tutoring links and schedules.

- Workshops, group tutoring and group study: See SSC Resources for current schedules and links. Most people learn better with others...give it a try!

- Support for online learning: Speak with a friendly peer tutor or SSC staff member about motivation and organization strategies for online classes. We get it and are going through the same things, so let's support each other!

- Need after-hours or weekend tutoring? See the Online Tutoring page for information about NetTutor (via Canvas) or Smarthinking (via MyPortal).

REPETITIVE COURSE WITH SUBSTANDARD GRADE

California Community College Board of Governors has revised Title 5 and will not fund students who persistently fail a course with a grade of D, F, No Pass (NP), No Credit (NC), or Withdraw (W).



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ASSIGNMENTS/EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

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| Quizzes (3 x 10 points each) | 30 points |
| Midterm Examination | 50 points |
| Final Examination | 90 points |
| Class Participation (judged by whether the student regularly accesses Canvas – watches the lectures, reads/watches the materials provided within the modules and otherwise “participates” in the learning process. Canvas allows me to note how much time you spend in/on this class) | 10 points |

GRADING SCALE

The grading scale below will be used to determine course grade.

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| A+= 180-175 | B+ = 162-157 | C+ = 144-136 | D+ = 126-121 | F = 108 |
| A = 174-169 | B = 156-151 | C = 135-127 | D = 120-115 | |
| A- = 168-163 | B- = 150-145 | C- = N/A | D- = 114-109 | |



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Watch class lectures and discussions via Zoom.
2. Read assigned lecture notes, handouts, videos or articles and suggested resources as provided by the instructor prior to each class session (consult this syllabus and the weekly “Modules” in Canvas)
3. Demonstrate a desire to participate and learn.
4. Successfully complete exams within deadlines given by instructor.
5. Tests/exams are open book and open note

INSTRUCTOR

I have been a Deputy District Attorney with the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office since 1999, spending almost half of that time prosecuting gang homicide cases. I have prosecuted thousands of cases ranging from DUI and misdemeanors to general felonies, white collar crime, gang, and murder.

In addition to teaching at De Anza, I teach at Diablo Valley College, the San Jose Police Academy, the San Jose Police Department Community Service Officer Academy, the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office and for the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA).

You may email me at alemamir@fhda.edu or aalem@dao.sccgov.org. For office hours, I will meet with you via Zoom at a time and date agreeable.

SCHEDULE

| WEEK | CLASS TOPIC | ASSIGNMENT(S) |
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| 1 6/30/25 | Introduction to Prison Investigations; Drug Investigations; Escape Investigations; Solicitation Investigations | Review Syllabus; Read Chapters 1, 2 , 3, and 4 Watch: Prison Guard and Prison Population videos Watch: Recorded lecture |



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| | | Read: Life Saving Medications article |
| 2 7/7/25 | Sex Offenses; Prison Undercover Operations | Read Chapters 5 and 6 Watch: Predators Behind Bars video Watch: Recorded lecture Watch: Recorded discussion with Investigator Mark Daigre Read: Rape and Violence in County Jails article Take Quiz #1 (multiple choice/true-false, covers week one) |
| 3 7/14/25 | Confidential Informants, Understanding the Convict; Evidence Collection | Read Chapters 7, 8, and 9 Watch: Lessons from Death Row Inmates video Watch: Recorded lecture Take Quiz #2 (multiple choice/true-false, covers week two) |
| 4 7/21/25 | The Importance of Intelligence; Affidavits and Warrants; Court Preparation and Testimony | Read Chapters 10, 11, and 12 Watch: The Attica Prison Rebellion video |



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| | | <p>Watch: Recorded lecture</p> <p>Take Quiz #3 (multiple choice/true-false, covers week three)</p> |
| <p>5 7/28/25</p> | <p>Internal Affairs Investigations; What the Prosecutor Expects; Theft Investigations</p> | <p>Read Chapters 13, 14, and 15</p> <p>Take Midterm Examination – (covers weeks one through four)</p> <p>Watch: Gang Wars Inside Pelican Bay and Mexican Mafia videos</p> <p>Watch: Recorded lecture</p> <p>Watch: Recorded discussion with Investigator Nathan Guajardo</p> |
| <p>6 8/4/25</p> | <p>Proactive Approaches to Conducting Prison Investigations; Homicide and Other Inmate Deaths</p> | <p>Read Chapters 16 and 17</p> <p>Watch: Recorded lecture</p> <p>Take Final Examination (Cumulative)</p> |