

Louisiana Delta Community College

Academic Affairs Master Syllabus

Course Name: Case Preparation and Courtroom Testimony

Course Number: FORS 280

Lecture hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

Textbook, Author, and Publisher: To be provided by College Campus

Instructor Information: To be provided by College Campus

Class Location: To be provided by College Campus

Course Description:

Examines the case file preparation, admissibility of evidence rulings, the criminal trial process, courtroom demeanor, and direct and cross examination techniques for courtroom testimony. Skills are performed in a mock courtroom setting by the students. Topics include fact and expert witnesses, pertinent case law, property and evidence reports, investigative and laboratory reports, preparation of the witness, witness credibility and proper courtroom appearance and demeanor.

Prerequisites: Admission to Forensic Science Program and completion of FORS 100 w/ a C or better.

Co-requisites: FORS 282

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Contrast between a fact witness and an expert witness.
2. Identify, describe and explain the three court cases in the Daubert Trilogy.
3. Explain chain of custody.
4. List and explain the components of the trial process.

Assessment Measures: To be provided by College Campus

Library Resource Center:

The Delta Library and Learning Resource Center is committed to providing quality information and learning resources and services, including technology, in supporting the overall mission of Delta Community College and its commitment to lifelong learning.

Special Accommodations:

Louisiana Delta Community College complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students with disabilities who attend the Monroe campus may make a request by contacting the Director of Counseling and Disability Services (See College Directory for contact information.) at the beginning of each semester. Reasonable accommodations will be attempted for students with documented disabilities. If an impairment is identified later in the semester, a non-retroactive accommodation plan will be developed. Students at satellite campuses should contact the Coordinator of Student Affairs at their particular campus.

Title IX:

Louisiana Delta Community College is committed to protecting the rights of students, which includes compliance with Title IX requirements. As such, the institution and members of our community will not tolerate the offenses of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Students with Title IX concerns should contact the College's Title IX Coordinator (See College Directory for contact information.) Students are required to complete Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Online Training. Access to this online course will be sent out through the Delta email account.

Student Code of Conduct:

Louisiana Delta Community College encourages an environment of academic integrity and mutual respect. Students should read and follow both academic and behavioral expectations identified in the Code of Student Conduct that can be found online at www.ladelta.edu. Students are expected to act with integrity, respect the rights of others, and conduct themselves in a professional manner. The Honor Code prohibits academic misconduct such as cheating, engaging in unauthorized collaboration, and plagiarism. Violations of the Code of Student Conduct may result in disciplinary action as provided in the Code. Incidents are reported through the online Student Conduct system.