Date: Spring 2006

I. Course Name: Law of Evidence
   Course Prefix and Number: CJC-115
   Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 Credits

Catalog Description:
The law of evidence as it relates to the use of evidence before judicial tribunals; rules excluding evidence and the rules of prescribing the manner of presenting evidence in a Court or an Administrative Proceeding.

II. Course Outcomes and Objectives
   The students will demonstrate their understanding of this material by passing written tests and completing written assignments.

   Learning Outcomes:
   To provide the student with the awareness that the Rules of Evidence are a critical component in a successful criminal investigation, arrest and conviction
   To provide the student with an understanding of the delicate balance that exists between the reasonable expectation of individual privacy and the legitimate interest of government
   To provide the student with an understanding of the privileges and protections of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and the 14th amendments
   To provide the student with an awareness of the ethical issues surrounding the Law of Evidence

   Relationship to Academic programs and curriculum:
   This course compliments Criminal Law II in that it looks at the overall application of evidence to the criminal justice system and the courts in particular.

   College competencies addressed by the course:
   Critically reading and evaluating materials and writings will be stressed. The sensitivity for the ethical concerns related to the rules of evidence.

III. Methods of Instruction
   Types of Course materials:
   Textbook

   Methods of instruction:
   Reading assignments are followed by lectures and class discussion of legal points presented.

   Assessment measures:
   Objective tests

   Methods of Evaluation:
   Written tests and writing assignments
IV. General Outline of Topics covered:

The Dual Court System
The Legal Process
Types of Evidence
Witnesses
Crime scene evidence
Hearsay evidence
Search and seizure
Arrest
Self incrimination