

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 139 - PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS (4 CR.)**

Course Description

Instructs the student in investigative techniques, criminal law and procedure, rules of evidence, the techniques and mechanics of arrest. Meets state certification requirements for private investigators licensing. Lecture 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with necessary information regarding basic investigative techniques, arrest procedures and criminal law to meet state requirements for private investigation licensing.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- a) meet state requirements for a private investigators' license.
- b) describe interviewing techniques used.
- c) differentiate between civil law and criminal law.
- d) describe the methods used to collect and report information.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Private investigation duties, responsibilities, and orientation
- b) General investigative techniques
- c) Interviewing techniques
- d) Criminal law and procedures
- e) Civil law and procedures
- f) Civil and criminal rules of evidence
- g) Collection and reporting information

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor