



Course Description

SCY0052 | Private Investigator Intern Course B | 0.53 credits

This course requires sixteen hours of training as required by Section 493.6203(b) F.S. for Private Investigator Interns. Students will learn topics that include locating people and performing background investigations, evidence, executive protection, anti-terrorism, courtroom and formal hearing demeanor, pretrial responsibilities, and the investigator as a witness. Prerequisite: SCY0051.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will learn about locating people and performing background investigations by:

1. Understanding how to conduct “skip tracing”
2. Identifying the fundamentals of background investigations
3. Understanding credit reports and the information contained therein
4. Explaining what and how to conduct conviction history checks
5. Demonstrating how to verify employment
6. Demonstrating how to verify workers’ compensation claims and their validity
7. Demonstrating how to verify educational history and its validity
8. Identifying privacy laws as they apply to motor vehicle checks
9. Demonstrating how to present gathered information

Competency 2: The student will learn about evidence by:

1. Understanding the importance of evidence and explaining applicable terminology as it relates to gathering evidence.
2. Explaining the procedure when searching for evidence
3. demonstrating the proper procedure for collecting and presenting evidence
4. explaining comparison and analysis of evidence
5. identifying what may constitute evidence in vehicular accidents
6. Explaining fire cause and origin evidence
7. Understand the role of an expert witness
8. Explain evidence admissibility within the parameters of a legal proceeding
9. Identify potential evidence in workplace\ individual accidents
10. Identify evidence in maritime investigations

Competency 3: The student will learn about executive protection by:

1. Explaining the basics of executive protection
2. Identifying the proper procedure for evaluating risk
3. Demonstrating protective techniques
4. Identifying the skills necessary for protection service
5. Explaining the bodyguard\client relationship
6. Understanding the techniques for dealing\ working with difficult clients
7. Identifying possible booby traps and explosives
8. Explaining how to work with law enforcement within executive protection parameters

Competency 4: The student will learn about anti-terrorism by:

1. Describing different types of terrorism
2. Identifying major terrorist groups
3. Understanding different terrorist acts
4. Explaining where to report any terrorist activity

Competency 5: The student will learn about courtroom and formal hearing demeanor and practice for private investigators by:

1. Explaining why case preparation is the most crucial element in being a good witness in a judicial

proceeding

2. Discussing when case preparation begins
3. Identifying the basic tools for all investigations – good notes, accurate documentation, evidence, and reliable witness statements

Competency 6: The student will learn about pretrial responsibilities by:

1. Understanding the general responsibilities regarding pre-trial preparation
2. Demonstrating a basic understanding of the 'rules of evidence'
3. Demonstrating a basic knowledge of court procedures
4. Identifying the duties of each court official – witness, judge, jury, prosecutor, and defense attorney

Competency 7: The student will learn about specific responsibilities by:

1. Explaining the need to review all investigative notes before trial
2. Understanding the need for at least one pre-trial conference with the attorneys
3. Understanding the obligation to represent the client professionally
4. Understanding the necessity of making all evidence available during trial

Competency 8: The student will learn about the investigator as a witness by:

1. Understand that the investigator is the same as any other witness in court, only to state the facts
2. Explaining proper conduct expected of an investigator while waiting to testify
3. Describing proper attire for court appearances
4. Discussing the importance of proper conduct and professional appearance as a witness

Competency 9: The student will learn about the investigator on the stand-by:

1. Discussing how to approach the witness stand when called to testify properly
2. Demonstrating the correct manner to address court officials while testifying
3. Understanding the importance of relating the facts in logical and chronological order
4. Explaining common tactics used by opposing the attorney during cross-examination
5. Listing "easy ways" to lose a court case

Competency 10: The student will learn about self-evaluation as a witness by:

1. Explaining how an investigator's case preparation and appearance in court reflects on his competency
2. Understanding the need for constructive criticism from peers
3. Discussing the importance of learning from one's own mistakes

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information