

Arizona School of Polygraph Science

SYLLABUS

Basic Polygraph Course

Monday through Friday, 8-5
2011-2012

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

This basic polygraph course is designed to prepare the law enforcement student as well as the private student to enter the profession of psychophysiological detection of deception (PDD).

At the end of this course, you will

- be able to conduct various types of polygraph tests
- be able to conduct an interview and post-test interview to gather information
- understand the various ancillary subjects which inform the PDD profession

REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES

Required Background

To successfully complete this course, you must

- be prepared to study, make note cards and memorize information

Required Materials

To successfully complete this course, you will need

- a laptop computer
- a thumb drive (provided to you on the first day of class)

Additional Print Resources

- See thumb drive under “research and journals”

Online Resources

- Arizona Polygraph School <http://www.azpolygraphschool.com/>
- Polygraph Place <http://www.polygraphplace.com/>
- American Polygraph Association <http://www.polygraph.org/>
- American Association of Police Polygraphists <http://www.policepolygraph.org/>

Other Resources

- Gene Gay for any concierge questions: gfg3772@gmail.com
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COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Week 1

- History
 - Instrumentation and Operation
 - Polygraph Techniques
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Week 2

Test 1

- Polygraph Techniques
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Week 3

Test 2

- Polygraph Techniques
- Test Question Formulation

Week 4

Test 3

- Test Question Formulation
 - *Speaker: David Bassoon from Limestone*
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Week 5

Test 4

- TDA
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Week 6

Test 5

- TDA
 - Practice
- Speaker: Diana McLaws - Interview and Post Test*
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Week 7

Test 6

Speaker: Psychology and Physiology

Week 8

Test 7

- Psychology and Physiology
 - Ethics and Polygraph Research
 - Report Writing
 - Countermeasures
 - Quality Control
 - Legal Issues
 - Skills
- Speaker: Robin Dugas - Legal Issues*

FINAL EXAM

Graduation Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 pm (location to be announced)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

General Rules

Be on time. No cell phone usage during class. No personal use of computer during class (i.e., checking email, Facebook, personal surfing of web, etc.)

Cheating will result in expulsion.

Successful completion of the course requires the student to be physically present during 90% of the actual classroom instruction time. All absences from scheduled instruction, regardless of reason, are recorded. Tardiness will not be tolerated and will be treated as absences. When absence affects progress or is considered excessive by the director, the student may be dismissed.

If an instructor has to privately tutor any student outside of regular school hours, an additional tuition charge of \$50 per hour will be assessed.

Grading Policies

Grades are determined as follows:

Grade	Score	GPA
A	92-100%	4 points
B	83-91%	3 points
C	76-82%	2 points
D	70-75%	1 point
F	Below 70%	0 points

Any student whose academic achievements fall to a one point GPA, (75%) will be placed on academic probation for a period of two weeks. Failure to improve to a two point GPA or higher (76%) may result in the student being dismissed.

There will be seven tests and one final. The final exam will be 30% of your grade.

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