

Intro to Paranormal Investigation SYLLABUS

Course Description:

Would you like to learn how to conduct a paranormal investigation? Want to learn the difference between what you see on TV and a real investigation? This course will present the knowledge and techniques used to conduct a professional, science-based investigation. Using current technology and recent research, participants will be able to determine the likelihood that experiences in a given location are paranormal in nature.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion, students will be able to:

1. Define the terms apparition, active haunting, residual haunting, and poltergeist.
2. Detail basic facts about the science of parapsychology.
3. Describe types of psychic phenomena.
4. Demonstrate the tools and technology used in paranormal investigations.
5. Demonstrate basic pre-investigation research methods.
6. Explain the code of ethics for professional paranormal investigators.
7. Conduct a safe and professional paranormal investigation.
8. Explain the proper methods of achieving client resolution post-investigation.

SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE:

General Overview of the Course

Basic concepts and spontaneous psi experiences: the range of experiences and phenomena outside the laboratory and some commentary on field investigation of them: apparitions, hauntings, poltergeists, possession, channeling/mediumship, reincarnation, out of body experiences and near-death-experiences.

Scientific vs. Non-Scientific Aspects of Field Investigation

- General investigative and observational skills necessary for any field case.
- Evidence vs. Proof
- Skepticism vs. Debunking
- The Basic Paranormal Investigation

Paranormal Photo Review (as time allows)

WEEK TWO:

Categorizing Phenomena

- Active Hauntings/Apparitions: Concepts, theories, methodologies, & possible case resolutions
- Residual Hauntings: Concepts, theories, methodologies & possible case resolutions
- Poltergeists: Concepts, theories, methodologies & possible case resolutions

Observational Skills

- Interviewing Skills and their application to field investigation
- Historical and background research
- Surveys

Electronic Voice Phenomena Review (as time allows)

WEEK THREE:

Gathering Physical Evidence

- Technology's role in investigations (equipment, photography, etc.) and how the use of technology does and does not relate to Science.
- Correlations between the environment and phenomena

Low Tech vs. High Tech Options

- What kind of technology can or should be used? What technology has been useful?
- How does one interpret the data?

Pre-Investigation Survey

WEEK FOUR: (Off-Site Investigation in Week 4 or 5)

Research and the Investigation Plan

- Conducting Background Research
- Writing the Investigation Plan

Professional and Ethical Paranormal Investigation

- Developing A Code of Ethics
- Legal issues for investigators
- Starting a new Paranormal Investigation Team

Historical Research Review for Next Week

WEEK FIVE: (Off-Site Investigation in Week 4 or 5)

Equipment Familiarization Session

- Use of Equipment - Investigation

Wrap-Up/Conclusion