

Master Syllabus

CJS 1103 - Constitutional Law & Evidentiary Procedures

Division: Business and Public Services

Department: Criminal Justice Science

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Prerequisite(s): DEV 0035AND CJS 1101

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Course Description:

Survey and interpretation of the Federal Constitution, and an overview of state and federal law and court systems. Emphasis on the Bill of Rights with particular attention to the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth amendments. Study, analysis, and application of the Rules of Evidence and Rules of Criminal Procedure from investigation to arrest, trial, and the appellate process. Additionally, ethical guidelines for Criminal Justice professionals in the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of the accused and constitutional restrictions on government actions.

General Education Outcomes:

- Oral Communication Competency
- Written Communication Competency
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- Information Literacy Competency

Course Outcomes:

Significant Case Law

Explain how interpretation of case law impacts policy and procedure in Criminal Justice.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Students will score 70% or better on written examination.

Assessment Method: Oral examination

Performance Criteria:

Students will demonstrate preparation and critical thinking skills of case scenarios/simulations scoring a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

United States Constitution

Summarize the U.S. Constitution and its embodied concepts.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Students will score 70% or better on exams.

Assessment Method: Oral examination

Performance Criteria:

Students will demonstrate preparation and critical thinking skills of case scenarios/simulations scoring a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

Assessment Method: Written surveys and/or questionnaires

Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on department developed surveys and questionnaires. The questionnaires will consist of a written case scenario and the student will develop in an essay format apply all the constitutional issues as it relates to the case and document prior case precedent.

Rules of Evidence

Summarize the rules of evidence and procedures in legal proceedings.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on exams.

Assessment Method: Oral examination

Performance Criteria:

Students will demonstrate preparation and critical thinking skills of case scenarios/simulations scoring a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

Assessment Method: Written surveys and/or questionnaires

Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on department developed surveys and questionnaires. The questionnaires will be case based. The student will prepare an essay and apply all the procedural laws as applied to evidence and the criminal justice process.

Rights and Responsibilities

Describe the constitutional rights of citizens and the responsibilities of criminal justice professionals to preserve those rights.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on exams.

Assessment Method: Oral examination
Performance Criteria:

Students will demonstrate preparation and critical thinking skills of case scenarios/simulations scoring a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

Assessment Method: Written surveys and/or questionnaires
Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on department developed surveys and questionnaires. The questionnaires will be a written crime scenario. The student will write an essay applying all constitutional rights of the citizens, offenders, the victims, and the criminal justice professionals in the effort to preserve rights.

Legal Process

Relate the processing of cases through state and federal courts, the role of the Grand Jury, and Preliminary Hearing. Examine pre-trial motions and Motions of Support in particular. Explain the role of the witness, legal and constitutional limits on testimony, and the ethical responsibilities of criminal justice professionals.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria:

Students will score 70% or better on exams.

Assessment Method: Oral examination
Performance Criteria:

Students will demonstrate preparation and critical thinking skills for a case scenario/simulation scoring two out of four points on a department developed rubric.

Assessment Method: Written surveys and/or questionnaires
Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on department developed surveys/questionnaires. The questionnaire will be case based. The student in an essay will apply all the procedural laws as applied to evidence and the criminal justice process.

Court Systems

Distinguish between the jurisdiction of municipal, state, and federal courts and the roles of the judges in each. Describe the process of arrest, the requirement for search warrants, bail procedures, the pre-trial and scheduling procedures and time mandates of speedy trial provisions and statutes of limitations.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70%.

Assessment Method: Oral examination
Performance Criteria:

Students will demonstrate preparation and critical thinking skills of case scenarios/simulations scoring a minimum of two on a four point department developed rubric.

Assessment Method: Written surveys and/or questionnaires
Performance Criteria:

Students will score a minimum of 70% on department developed surveys/questionnaires. The questionnaires will be case based. The students will write an essay and apply all the laws as applied to evidence and the criminal justice process.

Outline:

History and scope of the U.S. Constitution

History and scope of the Bill of Rights

Rules of Evidence and the Exclusionary Rule

Legal Process Federal and State Court Systems

Examination and assessment of past and current legal decisions that protect individual rights

Case interpretation and application to fact scenarios