



Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester . Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department : Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Department

Course Title : Court Systems & Practices

Section Name : CRIJ_1306_WB

Start Date : 06/06/2011

End Date : 07/07/2011

Modality : ONLINE

Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

The judiciary in the criminal justice system; structure of the American Court System; prosecution; right to counsel; pre-trial release; grand juries; adjudication process; types and rules of evidence; and sentencing.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

No prerequisites Required

Scans

1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11

Course Objectives

1. Students will define key terms associated with the structure of the American Court system.
2. Students will describe and explain the structure of the American judiciary system.
3. Students will describe and explain the roles that judicial officers play in the American Court system.
4. Students will describe and explain the trial process from pre-trial to sentencing.
5. Students will describe and explain the crucial role of evidence in the American Court system.

PLEASE PUT YOUR DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN THIS AREA

Required Readings/Materials

Title:*The Courts in Our Criminal Justice System*

Edition:1

Author:Meyer, Jon'a F., & Grant, Diana R.

ISBN# 0-13-525957-6

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

You will see the chapter lesson assignments as we move through the course. These assignments will correspond with your required Discussion Board postings. Please, respond to each Discussion Board question with a minimum 250 word response. Then post responses in the Discussion Board to two (2) other students postings on the same Discussion Board topic, not with a "good job" or a "great answer", but with a substantial response. All postings should be accompanied with a reference. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Topic/Overview: See summary listed below.

Summary of Assignments & Activities

***NOTE: The due dates are subject to change. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.**

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due*
Step 1	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-12-2011
Step 2	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post you Discussion Board responses	06-12-2011
Step 3	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-12-2011
Step 4	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-12-2011
Step 5	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-19-2011
Step 6	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-19-2011
Step 7	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-19-2011
Step 8	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-19-2011
Step 9	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-26-2011
Step 10	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-26-2011
Step 11	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-26-2011
Step 12	Read Chapter, check assignment requirements	Post your Discussion Board responses	06-26-2011
Review Week	Review for Final Exam	Review your Discussion Board responses	07-03-2011
Final Exam Week	Final Exam 25 multiple choice questions	One attempt to complete exam in 90 minute time limit	07-07-2011

Grading Policy

Discussion Board Responses	50%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

Letter grades for this course.

Letter Grade
Point

Percentage

Grade

A

90-100%

4.0

B

80-89%

3.0

C

70-79%

2.0

D

60-69%

1.0

F

Below 60%

0.0

Special Needs

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Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the ["Ask a Librarian "](#) service provide additional help.

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

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