

Course Syllabus

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Department: Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Department

Course Title: Court Systems & Practices

Section Name: CRIJ_1306_WB

Start Date: 01/18/2011

End Date: 05/12/2011

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.

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.

Required Readings/Materials

Title: The Courts in Our Criminal Justice System

Edition: 1st

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 student's 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 before the January 23, 2011 deadline

Step 2

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the January 30, 2011 deadline

Step 3

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 6, 2011 deadline

Step 4

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 13, 2011 deadline

Step 5

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 20, 2011 deadline

Step 6

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 27, 2011 deadline

Step 7

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the March 6, 2011 deadline

Step 8

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the March 13, 2011 deadline

Spring Break is March 14 – 18, 2011. OC will be closed.

Step 9

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the March 27, 2011 deadline

Step 10

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 3, 2011 deadline

Step 11

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 10, 2011 deadline

Step 12

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 17, 2011 deadline

Step 13

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 24, 2011 deadline

Step 14

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the May 1, 2011 deadline

Week 15

Review for final exam.

Final Exam Week

Final Exam is 25 multiple choice questions.

One attempt to complete exam in 90 minute time limit

The exam will open on Monday May 9th at 8 am and close on Thursday May 13, 2011 at 5 pm.

Grading Policy

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

Letter grades for this course.

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
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

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

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.

Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

Student Portal

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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

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.

