

CJC -132 Court Procedures and Evidence

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Corequisites: None

Course description. This course covers judicial structure/process/procedure from incident to disposition, kinds and degrees of evidence, and the rules governing admissibility of evidence in court. Topics include consideration of state and federal courts, arrest, search and seizure laws, exclusionary and statutory rules of evidence, and other related issues. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and discuss procedures necessary to establish a lawful arrest/search, proper judicial procedures, and the admissibility of evidence.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the structure of the American judicial system (i.e. local, state and federal).
2. Describe the American dual court system.
3. Identify the key personnel involved within the judicial system and court processes.
4. Apply the rules of evidence as they pertain to criminal proceedings in the U.S. and their, sometimes, disparate outcomes.
5. Discuss the trial process including pre-trial, trial and appellate stages

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Foundations to Criminal Procedures
 - A. The Constitutional Basis for Criminal Procedure
 - B. Precedent
 - C. Structure of the United States Court System
 - D. Understanding Court Cases
 - E. The Criminal Process
 - F. The Exclusionary Rule
- II. Search and Seizure
 - A. The Fourth Amendment
 - B. Searches with and without Warrants
 - C. Stop and Fisk
 - D. Regulatory Searches
- III. Interrogations, Confessions, and Identification Procedures

- IV. Formal Proceedings
 - A. Pre-trial Process
 - B. Prosecutors, Defense Attorney and the Grand Jury
 - C. Plea Bargaining
 - D. The Trial
 - i. Rights at Trial
 - ii. Sentencing
 - iii. Appeals

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The instructor will determine the textbook and other instructional material.