

COURSE OUTLINE

CRIMINAL LEGAL PROCEDURE (AJ4)

MWF 1-1:50

INSTRUCTOR - CURT L. KUBALL
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1. The Criminal Courts in Controversy - Ch. 1
2. Law and Crime - Ch. 2
3. The Confusing Structure of American Courts - Ch. 3
4. The Dynamics of Courthouse Justice - Ch. 4
5. The Prosecutor - Ch. 5
6. Defense Attorneys - Ch. 6
7. Judges - Ch. 7
8. Defendants, Victims and Witnesses - Ch. 8
9. After the Arrest: Case Attrition - Ch. 9
10. Freedom for Sale - Ch. 10
11. Preparing for Trial - Ch. 11
12. Negotiated Justice and the Plea of Guilty - Ch. 12
13. Trial - Ch. 13
14. Sentencing: The Legal Basis of Judicial Discretion - Ch. 14
15. Choosing between Prison and Probation - Ch. 15
16. The Appellate Process - Ch. 16
17. The Lower Courts: Rapid, Rough Justice - Ch. 17
18. Administering the Courts - Ch. 18
19. Epilogue - Courts, Crime and Political Rhetoric

******Subjects Covered are Changeable at Instructor's Discretion**

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is expected so as to gain full benefit from this course. See the College Catalog for the specific policy. Leaving class without permission after attendance has been taken constitutes an absence for that day.

DROP DEADLINE FOR THIS COURSE

March 13, 1998

GRADING

Grades will be based on quizzes (100 points), a mid-term exam (100 points), and a final exam (300 points).

For students to determine where they stand at any given time, they should total the number of points possible for the quizzes and/or tests they have already taken. This number should then be multiplied by .60 (60%). If the number of points the student has received equals or is higher than the result, the student is passing; if not, the student is failing.

To determine the final grade:

450-500+ points = A
 400-449 points = B
 350-399 points = C
 300-349 points = D
 299 points and below = F

Students can earn extra credit (up to a maximum of 100 points) by completing a special project pertinent to this course. All projects must be approved in advance by this instructor if credit is desired. Students must submit a request for project approval in writing.

Types of extra-credit projects are as follows:

1. Court visits - A **maximum** of two visits to two different types of courts (municipal, superior, justice, etc.). This activity will also involve filling out and submitting verification forms. There are 25 (maximum) points possible for each visit.
2. Case brief - Selection and sign-up for a case brief is from the instructor's list and is on a first-come/first-served basis. There are 50 (maximum) points possible based on an evaluation of the brief by the instructor.
3. Book project - The book available for this project is Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow. There will be an open-book quiz with 50 (maximum) points possible given on _____.

All other extra-credit projects are due _____.

NO EXTRA-CREDIT PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE-STATED DUE DATES.

REQUIRED TEXT BOOK

America's Courts and the Criminal Justice System by David W. Neubauer.

OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE

See College Catalog course description

EXAMS

1. Exams and/or quizzes may include the following types of questions:
 - a. multiple choice
 - b. true and false
 - c. matching
 - d. fill-ins
 - e. identification
 - f. essay
2. Quizzes - there will be 3 to 5 quizzes given during the semester.
3. There will be a mid-term exam.
4. There will be a final exam. For date and time, check your Schedule of Courses.

For all exams and/or quizzes, the student is responsible for all reading assignments and lecture notes.

OFFICE HOURS

Will be posted on the instructor's door.