

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CS3

CRIMINAL EVIDENCE

SYLLABUS

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CLASS MEETS: MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY @ 01:00 TO 01:50 HRS.
(CLASS WILL MEET ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAYS)

TEXT: CRIMINAL EVIDENCE, (PRINCIPLES, CASES & READINGS)
BY THOMAS J. GARDNER
(ENTIRE TEXT IS REQUIRED READING)

CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION: Origin, development, philosophy and constitutional basis of evidence; constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure; kinds and degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility; judicial decisions interpreting individual rights and case studies viewed from a conceptual level.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. The student will gain conceptual knowledge of the rules of evidence, legal definitions and concepts of evidentiary law as measured through objective tests to the satisfaction of the instructor.
2. The student will evaluate the various kinds of evidence and will demonstrate this ability by writing short answer essay papers concerning its social viability and its admissibility in court.
3. The student will be able to relate legally admissible evidence to a criminal violation by the successful completion of oral and written examinations.
4. Upon being assigned research regarding cases concerning

Attendance
Final Exam

4. Upon being assigned research regarding cases concerning evidentiary facts, the student will prepare legal briefs to the satisfaction of the instructor, to demonstrate deductive insights from the analysis of legal rule.

GRADING: Standard college level grading system based on accumulated points;

90%...A

80%...B

70%...C

60%...D

Points may be accumulated from chapter/unit quizzes, examinations, and participation in class projects. Extra credit may be earned through "ride-alongs" and/or "court-sittings". (any combination, up to 100 points total). A term paper may also be presented for extra credit in lieu of above methods, at discretion of instructor. Any extra credit earned may only be used to make up missed tests due to excused absences during the semester.

TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS:

THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCED DATE AND A WRITTEN TEST GIVEN FOR EACH UNIT OF THE COURSE. THERE WILL BE OCCASIONAL UNANNOUNCED CHAPTER QUIZZES. THERE WILL BE A FINAL EXAMINATION GIVEN AS SCHEDULED DURING FINALS WEEK. IT WILL BE WORTH APPROXIMATELY ONE FOURTH OF THE TOTAL GRADE FOR THE SEMESTER.

ATTENDANCE: KRCC rules and regulations are applicable. Tardiness is rude and distracting to instructor and students. Abuse will not be tolerated.

OTHER RULES:

1. Guests are not allowed in the classroom without approval from the instructor.
2. Tape recording of lectures is against the law without instructor's permission.
3. Missed quizzes and exams may not be made up without an excused absence, (medical reasons only) or by prior arrangement with the instructor.
4. ABSOLUTELY no food or beverages allowed in the classroom.

COURSE CONTENT:

- PART ONE: Introduction to Criminal Evidence
1. Important aspects of the justice system
 2. Using evidence in determining guilt
 3. Evidence and proof

- PART TWO: Witnesses and the Use of Testimony
1. Witnesses
 2. Confessions and Statements
 3. Judicial Notice and Privilege
 4. Hearsay

- PART THREE: The American Exclusionary Rule
1. The Rule
 2. What is not a search
 3. Voluntarism
 4. Improper entry of private property
 5. The Carroll Rule
 6. Warrants/Exceptions

- PART FOUR: Physical & Demonstrative Evidence
1. Physical evidence
 2. Demonstrative evidence
 3. Documents & Writings
 4. Scientific evidence

DROP POLICY:

18 WEEK COURSES HAVE A DROP DEADLINE OF THE 9TH WEEK.
THE ACTUAL DROP DEADLINE DATE FOR THE SEMESTER WILL BE ANNOUNCED
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER.