

Course Syllabus

Course Description: Criminal Justice 301. 3 cr. Criminal Procedure and Evidence. Analysis of procedural law related to due process. Evidence and rules of law related to evidence are examined. Prerequisite: CJ 293 or approval of program director.

Course Objectives: The course complements CJUS293 (Criminal Law) and CJUS418 (Constitutional Law and Criminal Justice). Criminal Law concentrates on the substantive law defining crimes, Constitutional Law concentrates on the role of the U. S. Supreme Court and the U. S. Constitution in the administration of criminal justice and the concerns for civil liability, and CJUS301 (Criminal Procedure and Evidence) concentrates on the development and application of procedural law applicable in the administration of criminal justice in the United States. The objectives of this course include the student's having a thorough understanding of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 14th Amendments to the U. S. Constitution as they apply to police and prosecutors. Measured by performance on specific examinations and homework regarding subject matter.

Exams and Course Grades: There will be ehomework assignments for each chapter, a quiz on each chapter, and 2 major exams. The ehomework assignments and the chapter quizzes are worth 10 points each for a total of 220 points. Each of the 2 major exams is valued at 100 points each. Course total is 420 possible points. Students receive grades based on the 10 percentage point spread as follows: 90-100 is an A, 80 to 89 is a B, 70 to 79 is a C, 60 to 69 is a D, and below 60 is an F.

All exams and ehomework will be online. The ehomework is not timed and may be entered, worked on saved, and re-entered until finally submitted, at which time it will be graded. The quizzes are 10-question multiple-choice, true/false type questions. They are taken completely online in a secure window with randomized question choices and response sets randomized. They are timed at 15 minutes. The 50-question exams are timed at 60 minutes and in the same randomized question and response format. All quizzes and exams are in a secure window. Timing is an integral part of the quiz and no extensions will be allowed. Students who exceed the time allowed will be penalized.

Instructor Contact: My office is Stubbs 212; phone number is 318/342-1440. My office hours can be found at http://www.ulm.edu/criminaljustice/faculty_1.html. My university email is hwilliamson@ulm.edu and my personal email is haroldwilliamson@bellsouth.net. I routinely check both email accounts regularly. The best way to contact me is by email. My home phone is 318/397-2609, but I ask that you NOT call me at home unless it is a last resort and emergency situation. Usually, email is sufficient. If you encounter technical problems during the taking of a test (an unlikely event), you may need to call me. Since you can enter those exams and quizzes only once, if your internet connection goes down or something like that occurs, you won't be able to get back on. Don't worry, I will accommodate that sort of thing. Moodle allows me to verify every technical problem that you claim to have. It has an extensive record of all of your online activity by date, time, and activity. So, you really can't claim something that I can't verify—Moodle has the most thorough record-keeping system that I've used (far superior to Blackboard, and Blackboard was excellent). Of course, you don't see nor can you access that kind of information—and you don't need that either, but we do.

- Week of June 2 through June 8, 2008
 - Read Chapters 1, 2, and 3 and complete ehomework assignment and quiz on each chapter.

- **Week of June 9 through June 15, 2008**
 - Read Chapters 4, 5, and 6 and complete ehomework assignment and quiz on each chapter.
 - Complete the Major Exam (Mid-Term Exam) covering Chapters 1 through 6. It will contain 50 multiple-choice questions and be timed at 60 minutes.

- **Week of June 16 through June 22, 2008**
 - Read Chapters 7, 8, and 9 and complete ehomework assignment and quiz on each chapter.

- **Week of June 23 through June 26, 2008 (short week)**
 - Read Chapters 10 and 11 and complete ehomework assignment and quiz on each chapter.
 - Complete the Major Exam (Final Exam) covering Chapters 7 through 11. It will contain 50 multiple-choice questions and timed at 60 minutes.
 - *Please note that this is a short week (only 4 days as compared to 7 for the others).*