

# **Evidence and Criminal Procedure CJ213**

## **Syllabus**

Wednesday 6:30 P. – 9:15 P.

## **Spring Semester 2012**

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**The Instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus to best meet the class objectives.**

**January 25, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Introduction of Course / Objectives  
Layout of Classroom/Expectations (Yours/Mine/Ours)  
Syllabus / Assignments  
Materials / Text – *Practical Criminal Evidence*, by Gregory Lee,  
1<sup>st</sup> Edition (ISBN: 0-13-171441-4)

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 1 and 2

**February 1, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Fundamentals of Criminal Evidence; The Criminal Trial Process  
Quiz #1 Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 3  
Quiz #1 Due

**February 8, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Pleading, Motions, Sentencing, and Appeals  
Quiz #1 Due

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 4

**February 15, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Defense Counsel Role and Strategies  
Quiz #2 Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 5  
Quiz #2 Due

**February 22, 2012**

DISCUSSION: The Prosecutor's Role  
Quiz #2 Due

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chap. 6 & 7

**February 29, 2012**

**DISCUSSION:**

Exclusionary Rule of Evidence; Search Warrants  
Quiz #3 Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chap. 7 & 8  
Quiz #3 Due

**March 7, 2012**

**DISCUSSION:**

Search Warrants; The Crime Scene  
Quiz #3 Due  
Mid Term Exam Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

No Class Next Week – Spring Break  
Mid Term Exam Due on March 14, 2012  
Read Chap. 9

**March 14, 2012**

**DISCUSSION:**

Physical Evidence  
Mid term Exam Due  
Quiz #4 Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

No Class Next Week – Spring Break  
Read Chapter 10  
Quiz #4 Due

**March 21, 2012 – Spring Break – No Class**

**March 28, 2012**

**DISCUSSION:**

Audio, Video, Photographic and Computer Evidence  
Quiz #4 Due

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 11  
Paper Presentations Due

**April 4, 2012**

**DISCUSSION:**

Confessions and Admissions  
Paper Presentations Due  
Quiz #5 Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 12  
Paper Presentations Due  
Quiz #5 Due

**April 11, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Lay and Police Witnesses  
Paper Presentations Due  
Quiz #5 Due

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 13

**April 18, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Expert Witnesses

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 14  
Research Papers Due

**April 25, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Hearsay Evidence  
Research Papers Due

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Read Chapter 15

**May 2, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Testimonial Privileges  
Final Exam Distributed

**Assignment for Next Week:**

Final Exam Due

**May 9, 2012**

DISCUSSION: Final Exam Due; Course Review and Wrap Up

**Description of Course:**

This course explores the historical background and the development of the rules of evidence. Considered are the hearsay rule and its major exceptions, burden of proof, judicial notice and presumptions. Students will examine the roles of the judge, jury and the prosecuting attorney. Other areas will include the grand jury, prosecution by indictment as well as other court procedures.

**Objectives:**

Provide the students with an understanding of the rules of evidence related to criminal court proceedings.  
Inform students regarding court procedures and practices.  
Continue to develop reading and writing skills.  
Review current events in the courts and criminal justice field, understanding the interconnection between these events and the rules of evidence.  
Practice public speaking skills.

**Classroom Structure:**

Lecture from text and supplemental materials  
Videos / Guest Speaker(s) on relevant issues

**Grading:**

Quizzes – 6% each (5 Quizzes – Total: 30%)  
Mid Term – 25%  
Final Exam – 25%  
Paper Presentation – 5%  
Paper – 15%  
**Total: 100%**

**Other:**

**Class Attendance / Participation** – Students are expected to attend every class, be prepared to share / discuss information from the reading(s)

**Quizzes** will be take home multiple choice.

**Exams** will be take home essay.

**Written Report** is a minimum 8 pages but no more than 10 pages long. A topic approval form must be submitted to the instructor by February 15, 2012. The paper must have at least five references; one reference must be from an academic journal, the rest must be from academically acceptable sources. The presentation of the paper will count for five points of the final grade.

Late papers will be penalized 10 points per week or part thereof.

The paper will be APA style and will be written in Times New Roman 12 point type with standard margins. The paper will include a cover page that notes the title of the paper and all the relevant course and student information. Failure to use the APA format will result in automatic 25 point reduction in the paper grade.

**Grades** will be posted and returned to the student as assignments are completed.

**Breaks** are flexible

**Phones** are to be on vibrate and only to be answered in an emergency (with prior discussion with instructor) **No texting during class.**

**Food / drink** allowed

**Meetings** scheduled as needed

**Plagiarism** – see Student Handbook

**Final Grade Scale:**

A = 94-100

A- = 90-93

B+ = 87-89

B = 83-86

B- = 80-82

C+ = 77-79

C = 73-76

C- = 70-72

D+ = 67-69

D = 63-66

D- = 60-62

F = 00-59

W = Withdrawal

I = Incomplete

P / F = Pass / Fail

AU = Audit

**College Withdrawal Policy**

Student must complete this through Registrar's Office.

**Disabilities Statement**

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the Disabilities Counseling Services at (860) 892-5751.