Index Number: CJUS 360
Course Title: Criminal Law and Procedure
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Credit Hours: 3.0
Trimester: Fall 1998
Day/Time: Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-1:45pm

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
Examines the criminal procedure and prosecution of cases in the criminal courts for misdemeanor and felony charges. Analyzes issues related to criminal prosecution, the role of the functionaries, and the sentencing process.

PREREQUISITES: NONE

COURSE RATIONALE:
This course is a survey of that conduct which the legislative branch declares to be injurious to the people in general and therefore prohibits it. Such conduct is a crime, a public offense, and the applicable law is called criminal law. Murder and armed robbery are examples of criminal conduct. One's legal rights and duties are specified and defined by the substantive law. A ban on sale of alcoholic beverages to minors is a common example of substantive criminal law. The course also examines procedure law. Procedural law dictates the mechanics of administering the substantive law, as when it provides that a driver cited for speeding may choose either to go to jail immediately or to promise to appear in court at a future time unless the prescribed bail is posted and forfeited in lieu of a fine. One may or may not be guilty of the substantive criminal law that forbids sale of alcoholic beverage to minors, for example. Procedural law provides the mechanism by which substantive law is applied.
INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Those students majoring and minoring in criminal justice and all students interested in the study of criminal law and procedural.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student is able to:

1. Comprehend the Federal, State and Cook County Court systems.

2. Understand the classifications of criminal penalties and the authorized sentences.

3. Comprehend the problems involved by improper police investigative procedures.

4. Comprehend and analyze the functions of the prosecution and the defense at all stages of the criminal prosecution.

5. Understand the proper method of analyzing a legal criminal case.

TEXT:


COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Student will review current Criminal Law and Procedure issue by writing short summaries of two current magazine articles. Student will also identify by date, source and short summary 15 items from newspapers (August 31, 1998 until due date) which relate to Criminal Law and Procedures issues. (Must be typewritten).

2. Student will interview either a Criminal Court Judge (adult or juvenile) or criminal lawyer and write a 3 to 5 page paper. Or student will attend a felony criminal bench or jury trial and write a three to five page paper. Either paper choice will be analytical and student may be asked to present a short oral presentation of his/her paper.

3. Student will write 3 to 5 page paper on his/her understanding of Criminal Law and Procedure. Example: Whether Criminal Law and Procedure is effective in maintaining public order.

4. Student will demonstrate a working knowledge of some aspect of Criminal Law and Procedure by either individual or group presentation, and be orally presented in class.
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5. Students will take both:
   a. Mid-Term Examination
   b. Final Examination

GRADING/EVALUATION:

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
Below 60 = F

All assignments have a top point value of 100 points.

All outside reading and materials are testable.

All assignments must be typewritten.

Students will lose points for non-typewritten assignments and late assignments.

*Date of assignments and examinations may change, but students will be given prior notice.

TOPICAL OUTLINE AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Week 1 - Introduction to Course, and Overview
   Chapter 1 - Defining and Proving Crimes

Week 2 - Chapter 2 - Essential Elements of Crimes
   Chapter 3 - Parties to a Crime and Inchoate Offenses

Week 3 - Chapter 4 - Defense
   Assignment #3 (Criminal Law and Procedure Paper Due)

Week 4 - Chapter 5 - Crimes Against a Person

Week 5 - Chapter 6 - Crimes Against Property and Habitating
   Chapter 7 - Crimes Against Public Order and Public Morality

Week 6 - Chapter 7 - Continued
   Chapter 8 - Introduction to Procedures and Right to Counsel
   Assignment #1 (Magazine/Newspaper Articles Due)
Week 7 - Chapter Catch Up - Review for Mid-Term Examination

Week 8 - Mid-Term Exam

Week 9 - Chapter 9 - Seizures of a Person and Identification Procedures

Chapter 10 - Search and Seizure of Property

Week 10 - Chapter 11 - Government Monitoring of Communications and The Fourth Amendment Exclusionary Rule

Assignment #4 (Oral Presentation Due)

Week 11 - Chapter 12 - Interrogation and Self-Incriminating

Assignment #4 (Oral Presentation Continued)

Week 12 - Chapter 13 - Preliminary Stages of the Prosecution

Chapter 14 - Pretrial Motions

Week 13 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Week 14 - Chapter 15 - Trial

Chapter 16 - Verdict, Punishment and Judicial Review

Week 15 - Chapter Catch Up - Review for Final Examination

Assignment #2 (Interview/Visit to Court Due)

Week 16 - Final Examination