Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice—CRJC 202 Syllabus

I. Locator Information

Course: CRJC 202-Spring 2015
Credit Hours: 3
Meeting times: MWF, 8am-8:50am
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Office Hours: M and F, 10am-noon and by appointment. There may be some weeks where I will also be in my office for extended hours on Monday or Friday beyond noon so please check with me anytime you wish in class for availability that week. Students may call me anytime on cell or email me to schedule appointments.

II. FSU Policy on Electronic Mail: Fayetteville State University provides to each student, free of charge, an electronic email account (username@fsu.edu) that is easily accessible via the internet. The University has established FSU email as the primary mode of correspondence between university officials and enrolled students. Inquiries and requests from students pertaining to academic records, grades, bills, financial aid, and other matters of a confidential nature must be submitted via FSU email. Inquiries or requests from personal email accounts are not assured a response. The University maintains open-use computer labs throughout the campus that can be used to access electronic mail. Rules and regulations governing the use of FSU email may be found at http://www.uncfsu.edu/PDI's/EmailPolicyFinal.pdf

III. Course Description

This course is about the principles underlying the criminal process in the United States and North Carolina, specifically including a study of the procedural aspects of the legal process focusing on constitutional rights, the court and trial processes, basic rules of evidence, the exclusionary rule and expert testimony in criminal cases.

The course is devoted to a detailed analysis of constitutional rights under the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th Amendments to the United States Constitution as well as a meticulous review of the criminal process from arrest through trial.

As with any course, one of the goals of this class is to enhance your analytical ability. We will discuss, at length, the textbook materials as they relate to different crimes, defenses, and criminal act or state of mind. To benefit from the course, it is imperative you: (1) take extensive notes for your review after class; (2) read the materials assigned ahead of each class and come to class prepared for discussion; and (3) attend class. There is more to class prep than simply reading the material, however, and that involved truly thinking about each major concept to gain a greater degree of understanding of the law in that given area.
IV. Disabled Student Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, if you have a disability of think you may have a disability, please contact the Center for Personal Development in the Spaulding Building, Room 155. 910-672-1203.

V. Text:

Criminal Procedure: law and Practice (9th edition)
Author: Rolando delCarmen
Publisher: Wadsworth-Cengage

VI. Additional Readings and Assignments

Will be assigned in class and either on reserve in the library, handed out in class or on Blackboard

VII. Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to understand individual rights throughout the criminal justice process from arrest and search and seizure of a person or item through the criminal trial and sentencing; analyze Supreme Court decisions on criminal procedure with emphasis on the 4th, 5th and 6th Amendments; recognize new and evolving concerns with terrorism and border searches, technology and privacy; and critique the liabilities and consequences of policy conduct and misconduct. The emphasis of the course will be on understanding the very complex law of arrest, search and seizure, confessions, eyewitness identifications and criminal trial rights and processes.

VIII. Grading scale:

The scale is 92-100 A; 85-91 B; 76-84 C; 68-75 D; and below 68 F.

This class will have five grades: 15% for the first test; 25% for the Mid-term; 15% for the second test; 35% for the Final and 10% for class attendance, participation and homework.

All homework is due on the date listed in this syllabus or otherwise assigned in class. No late homework will be accepted under any circumstances.

Any student who has a question about a grade received on an exam or paper is welcome to discuss their concerns with me at anytime before the end of semester.

Attendance is expected regularly. You are allowed up to three class absences for any reason without the need for excuse. After the third absence, one point will be deducted off your final grade for any absence that is not otherwise excused due to an emergency situation as verified by institutional or professional note.

IX. Mid Term and Final Examinations:
Both of these exams will be given in class with the final during the final exam period except for graduating seniors and their final will be the last day of class.  The exams, as with any test or quiz in the class, will contain both objective and subjective components.  Both exams will be discussed in class prior to the exam date.  On all quizzes, tests and exams, make-ups will be given only where there is a legitimate reason for missing the the original exam or test and this must occur as soon as feasible following the student’s return to class after that original administration.

X. Class Outline and Assignments:

Jan. 12- Jan. 16 ( no class on the 14th):  Introduction of the Course; Basic organization of the criminal courts; Sources and Purposes of the criminal law.  Read Chapter 1.


Jan. 28-Feb.4 : Probable Cause and Reasonable Suspicion.  Read Chapter 3.

Feb. 6-9:  The Exclusionary Rule.  Read Chapter 4.

Feb. 11:  Test number 1 in class.

Feb. 13-20:  Terry Stop and Frisk and issues of racial and ethnic profiling and drug courier profiles.  Read Chapter 5.


March 4:  Mid-Term exam in class.

Spring break March 6-13.

March 16-20:  The Right to Privacy; Search Incident to Arrest; Consent searches; Administrative searches; Hot Pursuit.  Read Chapters 7 and 15.

March 23-25:  Vehicle stops and searches; Inventory searches.  Read Chapter 8.

March 27- March 30:  Plain View; Border searches; and Open Fields Doctrine.  Read Chapter 9.

April 1-8: ( no class on the 3rd as holiday):  Lineups, Showups and Eyewitness Identification procedures and law.  Read Chapter 10.

April 10-15:  Confessions and the Admissions.  Read Chapter 11.

April 17:  Test 2 in class.

April 20-24:  Sixth Amendment Trial rights, including rights to public trial, speedy trial, fair trial, confrontation and counsel.  Read Chapter 12.
April 27-29—Police Conduct and Misconduct. Read Chapter 14.

Finally, again please note this course is on Blackboard and students need to check it before every class. It is also the way I will notice any cancellation of class or post additional resources or materials. Please also note the FSU Policy on Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom is in effect for this class.