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General Syllabus

CRJU 26073 Courts and Criminal Procedure

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite or corequisite: CRJU 10203 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Principles of police work, including arrests, search and seizure, and criminal procedures affected by constitutional safeguards.

B. Additional Information - None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the basic concepts and theories in the courts and courtroom procedures.
2. Understanding of the nature and limits of criminal law in the U.S.
3. Understand general principles of criminal liability.
4. Apply theory in explaining criminal behavior.
5. Enhance knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and its limits on criminal law, arrest, stop and frisk, motor vehicle stops, confessions.
6. Understand criminal procedures before, during and after trial.
7. Explain the Federal court system search and seizure, the exclusionary rule, interrogation, police liability.
8. Identify constitutional rights of the accused.
9. Understand truth in sentencing.
10. Define the death penalty and other forms of punishment.
11. Explain terrorism.
12. Define the Bill of Rights.
13. Know the leading cases in each of these areas.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will use critical thinking skills to identify court procedures arrests/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the court criminal procedures and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Overview of police, courts, and corrections
- B. Crime and the causes of crime
- C. Issues and challenges facing the Court System.