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General Syllabus

CRJU 36073 Criminal Procedure

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite or corequisite: ENGL 1213/ENGL 10203 Composition II or RHET 2863/ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition
Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description:

- II.** This course offers an in-depth examination of criminal procedure rules in relation to the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitutional Amendments. Emphasizing critical topics such as stop and frisk, arrest, use of force, searches and seizures, interrogation, confessions, and the trial process, students will analyze how these procedures impact the legal rights of individuals and the administration of justice.

III. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Evaluate the U.S. Constitution and its limitations and legal principles on key areas such as arrest, stop and frisk, motor vehicle stops, interrogations and confessions, to assess their implications on the practice of criminal justice.
2. Articulate the significance of the Bill of Rights, examining its provisions and how they shape protections for individuals within the legal framework.
3. Analyze the concept of judicial review, exploring leading cases that have influenced contemporary criminal law and procedures, and formulate arguments about their significance in shaping legal standards and protections for individuals
4. Review the constitutional rights of the accused during the trial process using legal principles and case law and appraise their impact on fairness

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills: Students will use critical thinking skills to identify problems/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 law enforcement investigation and arrests 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

IV. Major Course Topics

- A. The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights
- B. Judicial Review and Case Law
- C. Procedures concerning stop and frisk, arrest, use of force, searches and seizures, interrogation, confessions, and the trial process

