

CJ393-01
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
Spring 2019

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Catalog Course Description

An extensive review of criminal procedure. Begins with a brief discussion of the courts and the criminal justice system. The course covers the exclusionary rule of probable cause; arrest, search and seizures; identification and interrogation; constitutional rights and rules during trial; and legal liabilities of law enforcement offices.

Core Objectives of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program

Upon completion of the undergraduate program the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the structure, functions and principles of the main components of the criminal justice system- law enforcement, courts, corrections in addition to theories of crime and research methods.
2. Demonstrate ability to apply criminological principles to address “real life” criminal justice related problems.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of research methods appropriate at the baccalaureate level.

Required Textbook

Joel Samaha *Criminal Procedure* 9th Ed (Cengage Learning, 2014). ISBN: 978-1-285-45787-1 0.

Additional reading may be issued to you during the class.

Grading Policy

The final grade will be determined as follows:

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

1. Middle Semester Examination (20 points)

An open note and in-class examination as Middle Term Examination will be held on Monday March 4, 2019. This examination will consist of many multiple-choice questions that test student's understanding of the content in the required textbook.

2. Final Examination (30 points)

An open-note and in class examination as Final Examination will be held on Monday April 29, 2019. This examination will consist of many multiple-choice questions that test your understanding of the contents in the required textbook and class practices.

3. Class Presentation (20 points)

- A. Each of you is assigned to present your comments on the assigned material in related chapter of the required textbook for at least 5 minutes on the scheduled day in the syllabus (10 points)
- B. Each of you is required to write a four-page term paper in which you will polish your comments in your presentation. You will also need to submit the term paper right after your class presentation during that class. The requirements of the class paper will be issued separately (10).

4. Class Participation (30 points)

Class participation will be a combining product of attending class, raising substantial questions about the related issues, exercising practices, and submitting issued assignments during class.

Class meeting Time and Place

Monday 6:00 pm – 8:40 pm

Make-Up Policy

Make up may be allowed, depending on the circumstances with an excuse. It is at the professor's discretion and with students' request before the deadlines of quizzes, exams, or assignments.

Cheating & Plagiarism Policy

Cheating in any fashion will not be tolerated, including but not limited to plagiarizing another's words, work or ideas on individual assignments.

Plagiarism will result in at least a failing grade for the assignment(s) and/or course.

Class Attendance Policy

Attendance, by policy, is required. With no attendance, at least you would not earn your points from your participation unless, even if you face an emergency, you have doctor's excuse and/or an excuse letter from the Office of Student Affairs that are the ONLY excuses, whenever provided before final exam, for earning your points from your participation when you are absent.

General Course Policies

- 1. Be on time for class activities. "Late", is greatly not encouraged. You do not have to be perfect but need to make perfect efforts.

2. Do not bring children to the classroom, turn off cell-phones, pagers and/or noising or sound electronics or mechanic devices during the class, and no nosing or sound electronic or mechanic devices can appear on the surface during class.
3. The professor reserves the right to modify assignments and/or any contents of this syllabus to meet the needs of the students enrolled and to adjust for unforeseen events, modification or adjustments will be announced during class or via email; it is your responsibilities to pay attention to any modifications or adjustments.
4. Any with either learning or physical disabilities should consult the relevant office at the University and address your situation to the professor with the official documents from the office.
5. You are expected to follow all university policies regarding students' activities in class and in professor's office.

CJ393 Criminal Procedure Spring Semester 2019 Tentative Schedule

Dates	Topics	Readings and Assignments
January 7, 2019	Introduction	No Assignment
January 14, 2019	U.S. Criminal Procedures	Chapter 1 & 2
January 28, 2019	Criminal Procedures and Constitution	Chapter 3
February 4, 2019	The Definition of Search and Seizures	Chapter 4
February 11, 2019	Stop and Frisk	Chapter 5
February 18, 2018	Seizures of Person: Arrest	Chapter 6
March 3, 2019	Midterm Exams (Chapter 1-6)	
March 18, 2019	Search for Evidence	Chapter 6 & 7
March 25, 2019	Self-Incrimination	Chapter 8 & 9
April 1, 2019	Special Needs Search	Chapter 10-11
April 8, 2019	Identification Procedures	Chapter 12
April 15, 2019	Remedies for Constitutional Violations	Chapter 13
April 22, 2019	Constitutional Violations II	Chapter 6-13

April 29, 2019	Finals	
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ADA SYLLABUS STATEMENT
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20, 2018

Mississippi Valley State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with a documented disability. If you feel you are eligible to receive accommodations for a covered disability (medical, physical, psychiatric, learning, vision, hearing, etc.) and would like to request it for this course, you must be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) program administered by University College. It is recommended that you visit the Disabilities Office located in the Social Science Building Office 105 to register for the program at the beginning of each semester. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mrs. Kathy Brownlow, via phone or email at 662-254-3443 or **kbrownlow@mvsu.edu**.

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