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Prerequisites: None
Co-requisites: None
Class Times: Tuesday and Thursday 1400 - 1515
Classroom Location: Young Hall, Room 203
Semester Hours: 3
Textbook:


Course Description:

This course focuses on the study and analysis of the rules of evidence as they apply to criminal cases and the constitutional issues essential to the admissibility of collected evidence. Particular emphasis will be placed on the burden of proof, hearsay evidence and privileges.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, students will:

- Understand the evolution of the rules of evidence and their application to criminal cases.
- Evaluate the court’s interpretation of relevance, admissibility, and the validity of evidence.
- Understand the types and forms of evidence and the role of each in the investigatory process.
- Understand how the U.S. Supreme Court interprets the U.S. Constitution with regard to burden of proof, quanta of evidence, hearsay evidence, and the exclusion and selection of evidence.

If you need this document in another format, please contact Lucy Hoover at lucy.hoover@ung.edu or call 706-867-4536.
Methods of Instruction:

Chapters from the text will be assigned for study to reinforce the lecture material. Additional media may be used to reinforce major points covered by lecture and discussion.

All cell phones and computers must be turned off during class.

Evaluation Methods

Exams:

There will be four (4) examinations which may consist of true/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank or short essay questions and will count as 80% of your grade.

Class participation and individual discussion presentation will count as 20% of your grade.

Make-up Exams:

Makeup exams will not automatically be given for persons who do not show up for scheduled exams unless arrangements have been made with me in advance. If you miss an exam without an acceptable excuse, your grade will be “0” for the test. Incompletes are not automatic but are subject to my approval and college policy. Incompletes will be given by the professor only in special hardship cases.

Grading Summary

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Course:

Exam # 1:---------------------------------------------20%
Exam # 2:---------------------------------------------20%
Exam # 3:---------------------------------------------20%
Exam # 4:---------------------------------------------20%
Class and Individual Discussion Presentation------ 20%

All tests will be based upon lectures and reading from the course text book.
Course Calendar

- Week of August 17 - 21: Introductions, Syllabus Review and begin Chapter 1 (Drop/Add Begins)
- Week of August 24 - 28: Chapter 2 (First Roll Verification Aug 22 - 28)
- Week of August 31 – September 4: Chapter 3
- Week of September 7 – 11: Chapter 4 (Sept. 7-Labor Day)
- Week of September 14 – 18: Chapter 5 (Exam 1)
- Week of September 21 – 25: Chapter 6
- Week of September 28 – October 2: Chapters 7-8
- Week of October 5 – 9: Chapters 9-10 (Exam 2)
- Week of October 12 -16: Chapter 11
- Week of October 19 – 23: Chapter 12
- Week of October 26 – 30: Chapter 13 (Exam 3)
- Week of November 2 – 6: Chapter 14
- Week of November 9 – 13: Chapters 15
- Week of November 16 – 20: Chapters 16-17
- Week of November 23 – 27: No Classes - Thanksgiving Break
- Week of November 30 – December 4: (Review, Final Exam)

SUPPLEMENTAL SYLLABUS
Students are expected to refer to the Supplemental Syllabus for the following information:

1. Academic Exchange
2. Academic Integrity Policy
3. Academic Success Plan Program
4. Class Evaluations
5. Course Grades and Withdrawal Process
6. Disruptive Behavior Policy
7. Inclement Weather
8. Smoking Policy
9. Students with Disabilities

The supplemental syllabus can be located at: http://ung.edu/academic-affairs/policies-and-guidelines-supplemental-syllabus.php

The Instructor will make every effort to follow the syllabus as printed, however reasons beyond the instructors control may occur and cause some deviation from the printed syllabus. The syllabus may be subject to change without prior notice. Students will be notified immediately of any changes to the schedule and/or syllabus.

Please remember that I am available for discussion throughout this course. Any issues or concerns that may arise should be promptly brought to my attention.
ADDENDUM: CLASSROOM PROTOCOLS

1. ATTENDANCE: Regular class attendance and informed participation are expected. Consistent with UNG policy, students may be dropped from the class with a grade of either W or WF on the 5th absence.

2. ELECTRONIC DEVICES: All cell phones, computers and similar electronic devices will be turned off and put away (in a book bag, under your desk, etc.) during class. Do not have them on top of the desks. Computer usage to take notes during class may be allowed with prior approval from the Instructor with the understanding that usage will be subject to monitoring. If it is discovered that the computers are being used for anything unrelated to the class presentation, you forfeit the privilege of its use during class for the remainder of the semester.

3. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. The minimum punishment for a violation will be a ZERO for the assignment/exam. More serious infractions may result in a failing grade for the course. Violations will be reported to the Academic Integrity Council for additional disciplinary action.

4. TARDINESS: Please be on time to class. If the role has already been taken by the time you arrive, it is your responsibility to see the Instructor immediately after class and report your presence. Failure to do so may result in being counted absent for that class period.

5. MAKE-UP EXAMS: Make-up exams will be given for documented emergencies/absences and will be administered at a place and time, and in a format, determined by the Instructor.

6. EXTRA CREDIT: There are no extra credit points available other than any bonus questions that may be given with the Final Exam.

7. HATS: Removal of hats during class would be greatly appreciated.