EVIDENCE (CRJU 4111, SECTION A) COURSE SYLLABUS & OUTLINE, FALL 2014
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 3:30-4:45, ROOM 203, YOUNG HALL
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Book: NONE REQUIRED: YOU NEED TO COME TO CLASS!

Catalog Course Description: An intensive study and analysis of the rules of evidence as they apply to criminal cases. Particular emphasis will be placed on burden of proof and hearsay evidence, as well as the principles of exclusion and selection.

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Evidence Learning Objectives:
- Understand the evolution of the rules of evidence and their application to criminal cases
- Evaluate the court’s interpretation of relevance, admissibility, and 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 constitution with regard to burden of proof, quanta of proof, hearsay evidence, and the exclusion and selection of evidence.

Supplemental Course Expectations: This course is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of the nature, types, and forms of criminal evidence, and the rules, procedures, and policies which influence the admissibility, or inadmissibility, of such evidence at trial. Students should expect to (1) cultivate an extensive knowledge base of the law of criminal evidence, (2) become conversant in the vocabulary and terminology appropriate to the field, and (3) develop the ability and the vision to apply the concepts to hypothetical (yet “real world” situations. The course will present students with opportunities to: demonstrate intellectual stamina; refine and sharpen reasoning skills; and nurture an interest in, and an understanding of, law and legal institutions. Please note that the expectations will be high, that the material will be demanding, and that the examinations, and the grading thereof, will be exacting!

Method of Instruction: Lecture and class Discussion.
Grading Procedures: There will be five (short answer, descriptive, objective) exams, each worth 100 points. The tests will come from lectures, class discussions, and the Study Sheets that have been e-mailed to you. In addition, it is possible for students to earn 40 bonus/extra credit points. Final grades will be based on the TOTAL NUMBER OF RAW POINTS EARNED, RIGIDLY ENFORCED, as follows:
A (excellent): student earns a minimum of 450 points!
B (good): student earns a minimum of 400 points!
C (satisfactory): student earns a minimum of 350 points!
D (passing): student earns a minimum of 300 points!
F (failure): student earns less than 300 points!
Tentative Schedule:

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**TOTAL** 500 POINTS

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS CONCERNING CLASSROOM PROTOCOL:**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Regular class attendance and informed participation are expected. Failure to do so will almost certainly have a negative impact on your grade. Consistent with UNG policy, students **may be dropped** from the class for excessive absences on the 5th absence, with a grade of either W or WF, as appropriate!

2. **PHONES & SIMILAR ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Turn them off and put them away [in book bag, under desk, etc.] during all classes. Use of such a device during an exam shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of Academic Dishonesty and result in cessation of the exam and imposition of the penalties hereinafter described.

3. **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated! The minimum punishment for a violation will be a ZERO for the assignment/exam. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, there may be additional punishments, up to and including a grade of “F” for the course. Violations will also be reported to the Academic Integrity Council for further disciplinary action. The Academic Honor Code provides as follows: On my honor, I will not lie, cheat, steal, plagiarize, evade the truth or tolerate those who do. As a student at UNG, enrolled in this class, you are bound by this code.

4. **TARDINESS:** Please be on time for class. If you are tardy and the roll has already been taken, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor, immediately after that class, that you were present. Failure to do this will result in you being counted absent that day.

5. **COMPUTERS:** You may use computers in class, but only as the use relates to the class.

6. **MAKE-UP EXAMS:** Make-up exams will be given for documented emergencies, and will be administered at a time and place, and in a format, determined by the instructor.

7. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Extra credit will be available as follows: [1] each student will automatically receive a 3-point rebate on each exam; [2] each exam will include a 3-point bonus question opportunity; [3] the final exam will include a 10-point bonus opportunity. **There will be absolutely no additional extra credit.**

8. **FINAL EXAM:** Please note that the final exam is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at 3:00! You are expected to take the exam as scheduled.

**EVIDENCE OUTLINE (TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT).**

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8/28-9/2 ROLL VERIFICATION PERIOD. ATTENDANCE CRITICAL!!
9/1 FRE 301-302 Presumptions & Inferences
9/3 FIRST EXAM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3!!
9/7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. NO CLASSES!
9/8 FRE 401-415 Relevant Evidence
9/10 NO CLASS: PRESENTING AT SCJA CONFERENCE! WISH ME LUCK!!
9/15 FRE 401-415 Relevant Evidence (continued)
9/17 FRE 901-903 Real Evidence; Authentication
9/22 FRE 1001-1008 Documentary Evidence
9/24 FRE 1001-1008 Documentary Evidence (continued)
9/29 SECOND EXAM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29!!
10/1 FRE 801-807 Introduction to Hearsay
10/6 FRE 801-807 Hearsay Evidence: Definition; Hearsay Rule
10/8 FRE 801-807 Hearsay Exceptions
10/12 MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A “W.”
10/13 FRE 801-907 Hearsay Exceptions (continued)
10/15 FRE 801-807 Hearsay Exceptions (continued)
10/20 THIRD EXAM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20!
10/22 FRE 601-615 Testimonial Evidence: Introduction
10/27 FRE 601-615 Competency & Credibility
10/29 FRE 601-615 Direct Examination
11/3 FRE 601-615 Cross- Examination & Impeachment
11/5 FRE 701-706 Experts & Opinion Evidence
11/10 FOURTH EXAM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10!
11/12 FRE 501 Introduction to Testimonial Privileges
11/17 FRE 501 Constitutional Privileges
11/19 FRE 501 Common Law Privileges
11/23-27 FALL BREAK & THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS. BE HAPPY & BE SAFE!
12/1 FRE 501 Statutory Privileges
12/3 FRE 501 Exclusionary Rule/Poisoned Fruit
12/10 FINAL EXAM: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3:00!

IMPORTANT ADDENDA TO SYLLABUS: 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