CRJ114
RULES OF CRIMINAL EVIDENCE
3 credit hours

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Arts & Science
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CRJ114 Rules of Criminal Evidence

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None

B. 3 semester hours credit

C. Rules of Criminal Evidence studies the basic rules of evidence applicable to criminal and other related police activities. Emphasis is placed on admissibility of evidence and the practical application of procedural and constitutional guarantees. (F,S)

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT MEASURES

| The student will describe the trial procedures including how evidence is gathered and presented at trial. | Class Discussion  
Written Examination  
Case Studies |
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| The student will identify the different types and forms of evidence and be able to classify information in categories. | Class Discussion  
Class Assignments  
Written Examination |
| The student will identify how the use of presumption is used in the court process. | Class Discussion  
Written Examination |
| The student will define cross-examination, hearsay exceptions, and the standards of necessity and reliability as it pertains to evidence. | Class Discussion  
Class Assignments  
Written Examination |
| The student will describe the difference between a statement of opinion and a statement of fact; the use of opinions in language and understand the nature and role of expert opinion testimony. | Class Discussion  
Written Examination |
| The student will discuss the laws that protect certain relationships by the use of privileges and the priorities of those relationships over the truth-finding functions of a trial; including immunity testimony and the relationship of immunity and the privilege against self-incrimination. | Class Discussion  
Class Assignments  
Written Examination |
III. COURSE OUTLINE WITH UNIT OBJECTIVES

A. Introduction to Criminal Evidence
   By the end of the unit the student will be able to:
   1. Chart history and development of the law of Criminal Evidence.
   2. Identify the important aspects of the American Criminal Justice.
   3. Explain the using of evidence to determine guilt or innocence.

B. Witnesses and Their Testimony
   By the end of the unit the student will be able to:
   1. Discuss witnesses and the testimony of witnesses.
   2. Examine judicial notice and privileges of witnesses.
   3. Analyze the use of hearsay in the courtroom.
   4. Identify the exceptions to the Hearsay Rule.

C. When Evidence Cannot Be Used Because of Police Mistakes of Misconduct
   By the end of the unit the student will be able to:
   1. Define the Exclusionary Rule.
   2. Identify where the Exclusionary Rule does not apply.
   3. Identify when evidence is admissible if obtained during an Administrative Function.
   4. Examine when to obtaining statements and confessions for use as evidence.
   5. Describe the law governing Identification Evidence.

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A. Lectures

B. Class Discussion

C. In class assignments/case studies/work sheets

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK WITH PUBLICATION INFORMATION


VI. REQUIRED MATERIAL

A. Textbook

B. Black’s Law Dictionary (Pocket Edition)
VII. SUPPLEMENT MATERIALS

To be determined and placed on reserve at the library or made available to the student online.

VIII. METHOD OF EVALUATION

A. Class Attendance/Participation 10%
B. Case Studies 10%
C. Class Assignments/worksheets 20%
D. Tests 30%
E. Chapter Test 30%

IX. ADA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library; phone 636-797-3000, ext. 169).

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College Website).