

Collin College Syllabus

Course Number: CRIJ 1306
Course Title: Courts Systems and Practices

Course Description: Study of procedural regulations that guide the processing of criminal cases through the criminal justice system with emphasis on the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and rules of evidence.

Course Credit Hours: 3 LECTURE HOURS

Prerequisite: NONE

College Repeat Policy: A student may repeat this course only once after receiving a grade, including "W".

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand origin and source of our criminal law through understanding of U.S. Constitution and State statutes.
2. Understand important evidentiary issues facing American courts.
3. Describe the major individual rights and liberties found in the United States and Texas Constitutions and in the U.S. Bill of Rights.
4. Comprehend the special roles played by the courts of a nation and its judiciary.
5. Identify key issues related to the selection of a jury.
6. List and discuss the major cases and their rules which have had the most significant impact on the practice of law enforcement, court procedures, and the corrections process.
7. Define the basic underlying concepts for our system of jurisprudence to include privacy, discovery, the exclusionary rule, standing, probable cause and the good faith exception.
8. Describe the legal requirements for acquiring and executing valid search and arrest warrants.
9. Identify the essential elements of a valid stop and frisk.
10. Identify the essential elements of a valid confession.
11. Discuss the various models of punishment and the legal restrictions applicable to each.
12. List conditions under which a convicted person may appeal his/her conviction and gain access to other post conviction relief.

Method of Evaluation: See instructor's syllabus for grading policy

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend class and lab regularly, to notify the instructor if they will be absent, and to make arrangements to complete any work missed. Over three (3) absences from class/lab may result in a failing grade for the course (consult individual syllabus). Students are urged to discuss extenuating circumstances with their instructor.

Students are responsible for officially withdrawing themselves from the course; failure to do so will result in a performance grade of "F". See the current **Collin Registration Guide** for the last day to withdraw.

Religious Holy Days: please refer to the current *Collin Student Handbook*

ADA Statement: It is the policy of Collin County Community College to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) in a timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

Academic Ethics: The College District may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts, or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one's own work material that is not one's own. Scholastic dishonesty may involve, but is not limited to, one or more of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, use of annotated texts or teacher's editions, and/or falsifying academic records.

Plagiarism is the use of an author's words or ideas as if they were one's own without giving credit to the source, including, but not limited to, failure to acknowledge a direct quotation.

Cheating is the willful giving or receiving of information in an unauthorized manner during an examination, illicitly obtaining examination questions in advance, copying computer or Internet files, using someone else's work for the assignments as if it were one's own, or any other dishonest means of attempting to fulfill the requirements of a course.

Collusion is intentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, providing a paper or project to another student; providing an inappropriate level of assistance; communicating answers to a classmate during an examination; removing tests or answer sheets from a test site, and allowing a classmate to copy answers.