

Syllabus

CRIMINAL COURTS AND PROCEDURE

CJUS 2120-501

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Pre-requisite: none
Credit hours: 3

Course Description:

An examination of the constitutional principles related to the investigation of crimes, arrests, confessions and pre-trial processing of offenders. The focus will be on individual rights found in the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and the comparable provisions of the New Mexico Constitution.

Instructional Materials:

Lippman, M. (2017) *Criminal Procedure*. 3rd ed. Sage.
ISBN-13: 978-1506306490, ISBN-10: 1506306497

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the rights of individuals and their application to real-life events.
2. How criminal procedure has developed and its role in our modern day criminal system.

Instructional Methods:

A variety of teaching strategies may be utilized in this course, including but not limited to: lecture, discussion, written classroom exercises, group and/or individual projects, videos, quizzes, exams, reading assignments, writing assignments, interactive exercises and internet research.

Attendance policy:

You should be present in the online course room at least three times per week. You will be required to post within the first two weeks or you may be withdrawn from the course.

Grading policy:

Discussion postings = 25% of the grade.

You will be required to post an answer each week to the weekly question in the discussion section. Your answer should be a minimum of 100 words and should include citations if appropriate. These postings are due on Tuesday of each week. You will also be required to respond to two of your classmates' answers to the weekly question. Your responses should be a minimum of 50 words. Your response should be more than just good job or well done; your responses should further the discussion.

Weekly Quizzes = 25% of the grade

You will be required to complete a weekly quiz which assesses your understanding of the content assigned for that week. You have 30 minutes to complete the quiz and you will be allowed one attempt. Quizzes are closed book.

Weekly Assignments = 50 % of the grade. Your response should be about 500 words using APA formatting and citation method which includes in-text citations as well as a reference page. Your assignment is due on Sunday by 11:59 pm.

Generally, late assignments will not be accepted. If an emergency arises please contact me as soon as possible to discuss whether I will allow an exception given the circumstances.

Academic Integrity:

Having academic integrity is paramount to your success in any class. Plagiarism or cheating is not tolerated. Any instance of this will result in a grade of zero for that assignment. Here is the link to the UNM Academic Dishonesty Policy:

<https://policy.unm.edu/regents-policies/section-4/4-8.html>. The policy states:

Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student who is found guilty of academic dishonesty or who otherwise fails to meet the expected standards. Any student judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.

Academic Dishonesty is defined as:

"Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records.

If you have a documented disability, the Equal Access Services office will provide me with a letter outlining your accommodations. I will then discuss the accommodations with you to determine the best learning environment. If you feel that you need accommodations, but have not documented your disability, please contact Jeanne Lujan, the coordinator for Equal Access Services at 925-8910 or jmlujan@unm.edu.

Please contact me via email at cyarmijo@unm.edu or using the Messages link in the course room.

This syllabus is subject to change.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the intentional or accidental misrepresentation of someone else’s work/research as your own. It is important to cite all outside information using proper MLA or APA format in order to avoid plagiarism. Please see the instructor if you have questions about the proper method of citation.

Any papers or projects submitted that are found to be plagiarized will result in zeroes and will not be permitted to be rewritten.

COURSE SCHEDULE

UNIT	TOPIC	READINGS
Unit 1	An Introduction to Criminal Procedure	Chapter 1
Unit 2	The Sources of Criminal Procedure	Chapter 2
Unit 3	Searches and Seizures	Chapter 3

Unit 4	Stop and Frisk	Chapter 4
Unit 5	Probable Cause and Arrests	Chapter 5
Unit 6	Searches and Seizures of Property	Chapter 6
Unit 7	Inspections and Regulatory Searches	Chapter 7
Unit 8	Interrogations and Confessions	Chapter 8
Unit 9	Eyewitness and Scientific Identifications	Chapter 9
Unit 10	The Exclusionary Rule and Entrapment	Chapter 10
Unit 11	Civil and Criminal Remedies for Constitutional Violations	Chapter 11
Unit 12	The initiation of the Legal Process, Bail and the Right to Counsel	Chapter 12
Unit 13	The Courtroom: The Pretrial and Trial Process	Chapter 13
Unit 14	Sentencing and Appeals	Chapter 14
Unit 15	Counterterrorism	Chapter 15
