

CJ #2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement

Fall 2014 TTH 8-9:15AM in MAB 107

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Course Description:

This course will explore police authority and responsibilities regarding criminal procedures as well as Constitutional restraints as enumerated in the Texas Constitution, United States Constitution, and Bill of Rights. Upon completion of this course students should be able to understand police authority, the court system and process, sources of rights, and the law of arrest, search and seizure developed through court decisions that impact and form the way police officers do their jobs. Discussion will also include the criminal and civil liability that result from improper acts and/or the failure to act on part of police.

Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)

PLO 1. Demonstrated knowledge of specific areas of the U.S. Constitution as it relates to specific legal liabilities of criminal justice professionals. The ability to identify, assess, and compare Constitutional protections and individual rights and recognize violations of those Rights. Workable knowledge of the most significant legal challenges to criminal justice policy and the resulting changes to those policies.

PLO 2. Demonstrate knowledge of Criminological theories, and apply those theories to practical criminal justice events. The ability to identifying a prominent criminological theory within an actual criminal event or simulated criminal event. The ability to compare and contrast the basic concepts of the differing competing Criminological Theories.

PLO 3. Working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice and the ability to identify the individual parts of the CJ System. An awareness of the costs associated with the Criminal Justice System, and the ability to recognize and be aware of political influence on the system. The ability to apply historical knowledge of the CJ system and recognize patterns of system change.

Required Text:

del Carmen, Rolando V. (2010) *Criminal Procedure: Law and Practice, 8th Ed.* Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.
ISBN 13: 978-0-495-59933-3 /ISBN 10: 0-495-59933-6

Requirements – Students will:

Attend classes and participate in class discussions. Complete all assignments. Complete chapter summaries and turn in to instructor when due. Take and pass all exams and final exam.

Grading:

Final Grades in this course will consist of student's performance in class discussions, tests, one current events summary, and attendance.

All tests must be completed on time as there will be no make-up exams given. The Tentative Course Schedule provides the dates for these exams.

Current Events Summary:

As this class will demonstrate, criminal procedure is continuously met with court challenges, changes, modifications and news-worthy incidents covered by news media. Students will be required to select one current event related to criminal procedure, summarize the event and main points associated with it into a minimum 500 word summary and turn it in on the required date.

Qualified students with disabilities needing academic or other accommodations to ensure full participation in the programs, services and activities at Sul Ross State University should contact the Disability Services Coordinator, in Counseling and Prevention Services, Ferguson Hall 112, Box C-117, (837-8203).

2014 Tentative COURSE DATES

8/26	T	Introduction and Expectations
8/28	Th	CH. 1
9/2	T	CH. 2
9/4	Th	CH. 3 and Review for Test #1
9/9	T	Test #1 (No class)
9/11	Th	Discuss Test and CH. 4
9/16	T	CH. 5
9/18	Th	CH. 6 and Review for Test #2
9/23	T	Test #2 (No class)
9/25	Th	Discuss Test and CH. 7
9/30	T	CH. 7
10/2	Th	CH. 8
10/7	T	CH. 9 and Review for Test #3
10/9	Th	Test #3 (No class)
10/14	T	Discuss Test and CH. 10
10/16	Th	CH. 10
10/21	T	CH. 11
10/23	Th	CH. 12 and Review for Test #4
10/28	T	Test #4 (No class)
10/30	Th	Discuss Test and CH. 13
11/4	T	CH. 13
11/6	Th	CH. 14
11/11	T	Ch. 15 and Review for Test #5
11/13	Th	Test #5
11/14	Fri	Last Day to Drop Course with a "W"
11/18	T	Discuss Quiz and prepare for Current Events Summary
11/20	Th	Current Events Summary
11/25	T	(No class)
11/27	Th	THANKSGIVING
12/2	Th	Current Event Summary Due and Last Class Day – Review for Final
12/10	M	FINAL EXAMS BEGIN