

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY-RIO GRANDE COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
DEL RIO * EAGLE PASS * UVALDE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM
COURSE SYLLABUS**

- COURSE TITLE:** CRIM 3308: Law of Evidence
- COURSE PERIOD:** Online Web Course
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- OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 – 4:00 PM.
- COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Rules which govern the admissibility of evidence at hearings and trials. This course provides a thorough study of the evidence rules, with specific emphasis on the application of these rules in preparing and presenting evidence. This includes a discussion of the history and approach of the study of evidence; proof by evidence and substitutes; general admissibility tests, including relevance and materiality; opinions and expert testimony, and the hearsay rule; evidence by way of witness testimony; documents, scientific and real evidence; and exclusion of evidence on constitutional grounds. For a better understanding of the evidence rules, judicial decisions are cited and included for discussion.
- TEXTBOOK:** Criminal Evidence, 6th edition (2011).
Norman Garland
McGraw Hill
ISBN: 978-0-07-352799-4
- ACADEMIC SUCCESS:** Students enrolling in online Web Courses at Rio Grande College must be aware that such courses are not self-paced and require considerable vested time in order to meet requirements. Students should be prepared to devote a considerable amount of time to accomplish the requisites in this self-directed course of study. Each semester will require a student to devote approximately 12 hours per week to each web class – which equates to 3 hours of class time plus 9 hours of research, reading, writing and other course preparation.