

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY- RIO GRANDE COLLEGE

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DEPARTMENT NATURAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

COURSE SYLLABUS

FALL 2023

COURSE TITLE: CRIM 4305: Criminal Procedure Law and Practice

TEXTBOOK &

MINDTAP ACCESS:

Criminal Procedure: Law and Practice 10th Edition by Pollock, Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice. This course will require MindTap for Criminal Procedure: Law and Practice 10th Edition by Del Carmen. It is important to note: **MindTap “PURCHASE IS REQUIRED”** for digital access to this course. Once Student opens a Cengage account Student will have free two (2) week access to Chapters one (1) & two (2), thereafter Students **MUST** purchase access all remaining weekly Chapter Assignments, Exams, & Final Exam. **OTHERWISE, STUDENTS “WILL NOT” HAVE DIGITAL ACCESS UNTIL PURCHASE IS MADE.** See MindTap Access for additional instructions below.

COURSE Live-Teleconference Course (Thursdays 6-8:30 p.m.)

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BIOGRAPHY: August 2017 – Present - Adjunct Professor Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College. September 1, 2015 – Present: Presiding Judge in DWI / DRUG Specialty Court.

January 1, 1999-Present: Court-At-Law Judge, Val Verde County.

November 2, 1990-1998: General Practice of Law with Law Offices of Gonzalez, Gonzalez & Gonzalez, 313 Pecan Street, Del Rio, Texas. Criminal Felony & Misdemeanor, Juvenile, Divorce & Child Custody, Protective Orders, Child Protective Services, Probate, Guardianships & Civil Matters.

May 4, 1986: Juris Doctorate Degree, O.W. Coburn School of Law, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

August 14, 1981: Bachelor of Arts Degree, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, Texas.

May 2, 1976: Del Rio High School Graduate, Del Rio, Texas.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION STUDY HOURS:

January 1, 1999-Present: 735.00 Total CLE; 105.75 Total Ethics, State Bar of Texas.

JUDICIAL JURISDICTION:

Misdemeanor Criminal; Protective Orders Juvenile Misdemeanor & Felonies; Contested & Uncontested Probate; Guardianships; Adult Protective Services DWI DRUG Specialty Court Divorces & Child Custody Civil Matters.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This Course has been designed to provide a thorough understanding of the court system, court cases, and sources of rights. It also presents an overview of the criminal justices process, discusses probable cause, reasonable suspicion, the exclusionary rule, stop and frisk and stationhouse detention, search and seizure, lineups and other means of pretrial identification, confessions and admissions, constitutional rights of the defendant at trial, sentencing, death penalty and other forms of punishment, legal liabilities of public officers, and electronic surveillance and the war on terror.

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MINDTAP ACCESS: Access MindTap through the course link provided in Blackboard listed under Course Content > MindTap Course. You will be taken to a new page where you will be prompted to log in or create an account with Cengage. This is a one-time process. If you have previously completed this step, you will be taken directly to the payment options screen. After registering for Cengage, you will be prompted to purchase access to MindTap. Two purchase options are available:

1. Purchase Product (only includes course material)
2. Purchase Product with Cengage Unlimited

CENGAGE MINDTAP DIGITAL COURSE ACCOUNT SETUP:

<https://startstrong.cengage.com/mindtap-blackboard-ia-no/>

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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 course. 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 reading, research, writing and other course preparation.

COMPUTER LABS: Rio Grande College computer labs are open Monday – Thursday 8:00AM - 10:00 PM and Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM. Computer labs are not open weekends. However, students may avail themselves to the SWTJC computer labs with a valid ID. Online web course students should have available a high-speed internet connection on a regular basis for off-campus course work, exams, assignments and research.

DISHONESTY: Academic cheating and plagiarism is not acceptable behavior. It violates university policy and human ethics. If a violation occurs the penalty will result in the grade of “F” for the semester.

EXAMINATIONS & ASSESSMENTS: Exams and assessments have been structured to mandate maximum participation in this self-directed course of study.

- There will be a You Decide assessment and a chapter reading exam each week.
- Chapter reading assignments, research and writing endeavors are of the utmost importance in student assessment and evaluation.
- Exams will consist of multi-formatted questions taken from weekly reading assignments.
- It is recommended that all exams be taken in the computer laboratory on the Rio Grande College campus. However, this is not required. Exams may be taken at any location using a high-speed internet connection (No cell phones).
- Students are advised NOT to use a cell phone for tests; it may be detrimentally affected by service disruptions. Please note that no exams will be reset due to student omissions and/or mistakes.

The professor assumes no responsibility for student omissions or technology issues.

GRADING SCALE (Total for 15 Chapters, includes reading assignment and short essay, and 6 chapter activity assignments) :

1100 - 1300 = A

999 - 1099 = B

800 - 998 = C

600 - 799 = D

0 - 599 = F

NOTE: Each chapter assignment (includes chapter reading assignment) total is maxed at 165 points. 15 Chapters totals 2475. Student(s) may receive **EXTRA CREDIT** to their total semester grade for: Completing all weekly chapter assignments, videos, quizzes, & chapter essays (150 points). (100%) Attendance = 150 points extra credit

SEMESTER GRADES: Final semester grades are reported to the Office of Admissions & Records. Student grades are posted on Banner for Review at the conclusion of each semester.

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES: In completing each of the below weekly chapter assignment that includes: learning objectives; visual summary; reading; video case; you decide part I/II & exam, you will review and grasp key concepts, terms, case law and learning objectives and acquire extensive knowledge of the following subject-matter:

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT CHAPTER SCHEDULE: NOTE: Weeks 1-15, Chapter 1-15 Assignments & Exams, student access is accessible in Blackboard beginning August 28, 2023 @ 6 p.m., and MUST be completed the following Thursday, August 31, 2023 by 6

p.m. Each remaining semester weeks 2-15 WILL follow the same schedule. Each chapter for the week MUST be completed by class meeting days (Thursdays).

Week 1, August 28, 2023

Chapter 1: The Court System, Sources of Rights, and Fundamental Principles.

Week 2, September 4, 2023

Chapter 2: Overview of the Criminal Justice System.

Week 3, September 11, 2023

Chapter 3: Probable Cause and Reasonable Suspicion.

Week 4, September 18, 2023

Chapter 4: The Exclusionary Rule.

Week 5, September 25, 2023

Chapter 5: Stop and Frisk and Stationhouse Detention.

Week 6, October 2, 2023

Chapter 6: Arrests and Use of Force.

Week 7, October 9, 2023

Chapter 7: Searches and Seizures of Things

Week 8, October 16, 2023

Chapter 8: Motor Vehicle Stops, Searches, and Inventories.

Week 9, October 23, 2023

Chapter 9: Plain View, Open Fields, Abandonment, and Border Searches

Week 10, October 30, 2023

Chapter 10: Lineups and Other Means of Pretrial Identification.

Week 11, November 6, 2023

Chapter 11: Confessions and Admissions: *Miranda v. Arizona*.

Week 12, November 13, 2023

Chapter 12: Basic Constitutional Rights of the Accused during Trial.

Week 13, November 20, 2023

Chapter 13: Sentencing, the Death Penalty, and Other Forms of Punishment.

Week 14, November 27, 2023

Chapter 14: Legal Liabilities of Law Enforcement Officers.

Week 15, November 29, 2019

Chapter 15: Electronic Surveillance and the War on Terror.