CJ 364 – CHILD ABUSE AND THE LAW  
MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DAWN BEAM, J.D.  
FALL 2017

COURSE OBJECTIVE: To provide students with a basic foundation of knowledge regarding the legal process of child protection. This course will be a study of child abuse and the law, emphasizing protection of the child from investigation and prevention to prosecution and permanency.


COURSE REQUIREMENTS: All requirements will be weighed equally.

EXAMINATIONS: Three (3) examinations will be given. Each exam is worth 100 points.

GRADING SCALE:

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OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS: 450 High Street, Jackson, MS; Phone 601-359-2094 or e-mail Dawn.Beam@usm.edu Conference times available upon request.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY SYLLABUS STATEMENT:

All students at The University of Southern Mississippi are expected to demonstrate the highest levels of academic integrity in all that they do. Forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to):

- Cheating (including copying from others’ work)
- Plagiarism (representing another person’s words or ideas as your own; failure to properly cite the source of your information, argument, or concepts) Falsification of documents
- Disclosure of test or other assignment content to another student
- Submission of the same paper or other assignment to more than one class without the explicit approval of all faculty members’ involved
- Unauthorized academic collaboration with others
- Conspiracy to engage in academic misconduct

Engaging in any of these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or other sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student has violated our Academic Integrity Policy, sanctions ranging from resubmission of work to course failure may occur, including the possibility of receiving a grade of “XF” for the course, which will be on the student’s transcript with the notation “Failure due to academic misconduct.” For more details, please see the University’s Academic Integrity Policy: https://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-pro-012 Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the University.
CLAS**ROOM DECORUM:**

1. **Attendance and participation are components in the determination of the student’s final grade. CJ 364 is primarily a lecture class; however, students are expected to participate in class discussions. Attendance is mandatory.** Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class. Students are required to sign the roll sheet which is passed out at the beginning of each class. It is the responsibility of each student to sign the roll. This method is utilized in order to eliminate disputes about actual attendance. **More than three (3) unexcused absences will automatically reduce a student’s grade by one letter grade.**

2. **MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS AND LATE WORK: MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS WILL NOT BE GIVEN.** Failure to take an exam during the scheduled time period will result in a failing grade for that exam. However, upon the occurrence of serious illness or other circumstances, supported by appropriate documentation (i.e., that from a physician, clinic, or hospital), one make-up examination may be given. Late work is not accepted. Deadlines are announced at least two (2) weeks in advance, if not earlier. Therefore, late work will not be graded. If you foresee a problem, make sure all assignments are turned in prior to the deadline.

3. **PAGERS AND CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED; LAPTOPS ARE PERMITTED ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO TAKE CLASS NOTES.**

4. **UNIVERSITY POLICY ON DISABILITY:** If a student has a disability which qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by the ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies. Address: 118 College Drive, # 8586, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001: Telephone (601) 266-5024.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

1. Last Day to Drop Full-Term Classes (100% refund) ; no tuition credit whatsoever after this date  
   **Aug. 23, 2017**
2. Last Day to Drop Full-Term Classes (w/o instructor permission)  
   **Aug. 23, 2017**
3. Fall Break  
   **Oct. 19-20, 2017**
4. Thanksgiving Holiday  
   **Nov. 22-24, 2017**
5. Last day to withdraw from class and receive W (students will receive a course grade after this date)  
   **Oct. 27, 2017**
6. Final Exam: 6:30 – 9:15 pm  
   **Nov. 29, 2017**
7. Graduation Ceremony  
   **Dec. 8, 2017**