Course Syllabus  
The University of Southern Mississippi - Gulf Park Campus  
Evidence, Search and Seizure  
CJ433  
Fall 2017

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Class Period: Thursday night (6:30-9:30 p.m.)

Recommended Textbook: *Criminal Evidence: An Introduction (2nd Edition)*  
John Worrall, Craig Hemmens and Lisa Nored  
Oxford University Press, Inc.

Course Description and Objectives: Evidence, Search and Seizure is an examination of the laws of evidence and evidentiary procedures related to criminal court proceedings.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend class each time the class meets. Attendance is strongly recommended as it facilitates learning and is given consideration in the final grade. Absences will not be excused except in emergencies. Absences totaling 8-12 hours will result in a one letter grade reduction. No course credit will be issued (regardless of current standing) upon absences exceeding 12 hours. Absence for an entire class period will constitute 90 minutes regardless of actual time spent in class.

Course Requirements: Students should read and study the assigned text (and/or other materials as directed), and be prepared for discussion in class. Students should actively participate in class, as this will be a consideration in the final grade determination.

Classroom Demeanor Policy: Students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior during class sessions. The barometer for assessing unprofessional behavior is the reasonable anticipation test, defined as anything an average student should anticipate as unprofessional. Violation of this policy can result in removal from the class until the department head requests readmission. Examples of such intolerable behavior include disrespect (toward any class member or instructor), racist or offensive actions, gossip, outbursts, and any cell phone usage during class. Cell phones will not be allowed out of a purse or pocket during class.

Withdrawal Policy: The last day to add/drop without Academic/Financial Penalty is August 23. After this date, no tuition refund whatsoever will be issued, and all approved drops will result in a grade of W. After October 27, no course withdrawals are permitted (meaning the student will receive an actual grade in the course).

Grading Scale:  
A=90+    B=80-89    C=70-79    D=60-69    F=Below 60

Grading Policy: A total of three exams will be administered throughout the semester:
Exam | % | Chapters | Date  
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1  | 1/3 | 1-4  | 09/14/17  
2  | 1/3 | 5-8  | 10/26/17  
3  | 1/3 | Cumulative | 11/30/17  

EXAMS WILL BE ADMINISTERED WITH ONE WEEK NOTICE! FINAL EXAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

Exam Make-Up Policy: There are no make-up exams. However, if the instructor is notified prior to the exam and the reason for missing was due to an extreme emergency, the instructor may allow a make-up at 70% credit.

Disabilities Policy: If a student has a disability that 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 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.

Mailing Address:  
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Academic Honesty/Plagiarism Statement: Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty as outlined in the USM Student Handbook. The University’s academic honesty policy will be strictly enforced. You are expected to understand the policy which is available in the University catalog and at [http://www.usm.edu/pubs/studenthandbook/p001_111.pdf](http://www.usm.edu/pubs/studenthandbook/p001_111.pdf). In no instance will lack of familiarity with this policy excuse the violation.

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](https://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-pro-012) Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the University.

**COURSE SCHEDULE (Room FEC 207)**

08-17-17 – Chapter 1  
08-24-17 – Chapter 2  
08-31-17 – Chapters 3 and 4  
09-07-17 – Chapter 4 & Test Review  
**09-14-17 – Test on Chapters 1-4**  
09-21-17 – Chapters 5 and 6  
09-28-17 – Chapters 6 and 7  
10-05-17 – Chapters 7 and 8  
10-12-17 – Chapter 8 & Test Review  
10-19-17 – Fall Break (No Class)  
**10-26-17 – Test on Chapters 5-8**  
11-02-17 – Chapters 9 and 10  
11-09-17 – Chapters 11 and 12  
11-16-17 – Chapters 13 and 14  
11-23-17 – Thanksgiving (No Class)  
**11-30-17 – Final Exam (Cumulative)**