CJ 433 (H002) - Evidence, Search, and Seizure
Fall 2017
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
An examination of the laws of criminal evidence, search and seizure, and an analysis of all aspects of the criminal process from arrest through appeal.

TEXT:

ATTENDANCE:
University policy states that students are expected to attend class each time it meets. Any student with four unexcused absences will fail the course.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Students should read and study assigned text and other materials, and are expected to participate in class.

A mid-term exam will be given September 26, 2017, and a final exam will be given November 28, 2017, commencing at 6:30 p.m. All examinations will be based on class lectures and reading materials assigned.

One book report or term paper is required, at least 5 pages in length which will be due on or before the final exam date.

Exam scores will comprise 80% (40% each) of the final grade and the term paper will comprise 20% of the final grade.

Make-up exams will be allowed on an emergency basis.

ADA SYLLABUS STATEMENT:
If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans 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.
Address:
The University of Southern Mississippi
Office for Disability Accommodations
118 College Drive # 8586
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Voice Telephone: 601.266.5024 or 228.214.3232
Fax: 601.266.6035

Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the Mississippi Relay Service at 1.800.582.2233 (TTY) or emailing ODA at oda@usm.edu.

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.

Important Dates to Remember
08/16 Classes Begin
08/23 Last day to drop without academic/financial penalty. After this date, no tuition refund whatsoever will be issued, and all approved drops will result in a grade of W.
09/04 No Classes, Labor Day Holiday
09/26 Mid Term Exam
10/19-20 Fall Break Holiday
10/27 Last day to drop and receive a W in the course. After this date, no course withdrawals permitted -- meaning the student will receive an actual grade in the course.
11/01 Last day to file application for degree for spring 2018 commencement
11/22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
11/28 Final Exam
12/13 Grades available for view in SOAR
CLASS CALENDAR:
August 22, 2017
Orientation and organization session

August 29, 2017
Chapters one and two: The American court system and discussion of criminal justice system

September 5, 2017
Chapter 3: Arrests, Searches, and Seizures

September 12, 2017
Chapter 3 continued; begin Chapter 4: Interrogations, Confessions and nontestimonial evidence

September 19, 2017
Complete Chapter 4 and Chapter 5: Pretrial Procedures, Mid-Term review

September 26, 2017
Mid-Term Examination

October 3, 2017
Chapter 6: Discovery and Privileged Communications

October 10, 2017
Chapter 7: Prosecution and Defense

October 17, 2017
Chapter 8: The Trial

October 24, 2017
Chapter 9: Rules of Evidence; Chapter 12: Opinion Evidence

October 31, 2017
Chapter 10: Examination of Witnesses; Chapter 13: Hearsay Evidence

November 7, 2017
Chapter 14: Jury selection and procedures, sentencing considerations

November 14, 2017
Chapter 15: Post-conviction relief and Appeal
Class participation, final review and turn in papers

November 21, 2017
No Class

November 28, 2017
FINAL EXAMINATION