



Course Information

Course Title	Criminal Law and Procedure
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	LGLA 2313 Criminal Law and Procedure
Division	Technology & Business
Department	Paralegal Studies
Course Type	WECM Course
Course Catalog Description	This course presents fundamental concepts of criminal law and procedure from arrest to final disposition including principles of federal and state law emphasizing the role of the paralegal in the criminal justice system.
Pre-Requisites	None
Co-Requisites	None

Semester Credit Hours

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:	3:3:0
Lab/Other Hours	
Equated Pay Hours	3
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours	0
Other Hours Breakdown	0

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Prepared by:		
Department Head:		
Division Chair:		
Dean/VPI:		
Approved by CIR:		

Additional Course Information

Topical Outline: Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

Week 1- An Introduction to Criminal Law

Week 2- Arrest, Search and Seizure

Week 3- Post Arrest and Grand Jury

Week 4- Evidentiary Issues in Prosecution

Week5- Interrogation, Confessions, and Miranda

Week 6- Arraignment and Discovery

Week 7- Principals, Accessories, and Attempt

Week 8- Crimes against the Person

Week 9- Sex-Related Crimes

Week 10- Crimes against Property

Week 11- Crimes against Public Order, Morality, and Health

Week 12- Rights Associated with the Trial

Week 13- The Trial

Week 14- Defenses

Week 15- Sentencing and Appeal

Week 16-Final Exam

Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Use terminology relating to criminal law and procedure;
2. Analyze cases relating to criminal law and procedure;
3. Draft documents used in criminal law and procedure;
4. Analyze the ethical considerations of the paralegal relating to criminal law and procedure

Methods of Assessment:

1, 2, 3, 4, Exams and Quizzes

2, 3 Drafting Exercises

1, 2,3 Participation in group projects

Research Assignments

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student: Criminal Law and Procedure for the Paralegal, Neal R. Bevans, Current Edition, Delmar ISBN 978-0-7668-2279-5

Suggested Course Maximum:

30

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course. None

Course Requirements/Grading System:

- 1. Midterm examination35%
- 2. Final examination35%
- 3. Assignments 20%
- 4. Class Participation.....10%

Grading Scale: A=100-90 B=89-80 C=79-70 D=69-60 F=59 and below

Curriculum Checklist:

- Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
 - Critical Thinking
 - Communication
 - Empirical & Quantitative Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Social Responsibility
 - Personal Responsibility
- WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist