

•••••**EVIDENCE** (3 Units)

AJ 104

Jack Staton - Instructor

Spring 2013

Thursday 6:30 - 9:40 pm

Overview and Goals and Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of the course, you should be able to: Describe the historical development and the constitutionality of the rules of evidence and how it ties into the criminal justice system: Explain and identify the procedural rules and constitutionality for arrest, search and seizure; 3: Define hearsay, rules of admissibility, and understand the exceptions to the Hearsay Rule. Your success will be measured by written examination, your participation in classroom discussions, and written homework assignments.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING

- I. **Attendance and Participation.** You must attend class and participate in classroom discussions. If you are absent for any one class period you miss the equivalent of one week. **Thus, you may be dropped without warning for two absences.** You must be on time for the start of class and return promptly from breaks taken during class. You may receive written assignments due in class. Your participation and homework will count for 10% of your total course grade. All homework is due at the beginning of class. Tardy assignments are not accepted.
- II **Quizzes and Final** There will four quizzes in addition to the final exam. You may drop the lowest grade of the four quizzes, except **YOU CANNOT DROP YOUR LOWEST QUIZ GRADE IF THAT GRADE IS THE RESULT OF CHEATING OR PLAGIARISM.** Consequently, there will be no make-up quiz for any quiz you miss, whatever the reason for your absence. Your course grade will ultimately include the three highest quiz grades, (keeping in the mind the exception above) and the final exam. Each quiz counts as 20%, and the final counts as 30% of the total course grade..

Recapitulation of Grade Calculation

Participation (including assignments) =	10%	
3 quizzes @ 20% each	=	60%
Final Exam		=
		<u>30%</u>
		100%

Grading Scale

I rarely grade on a curve. You are expected to attain a certain measurable standard. I use the following scale

90 - 100% = **A**

80 -

89% = **B**

70 -

79% = **C**

60 -

69% = **D**

Below 60% = **F**

REQUIRED TEXT

Criminal Evidence 6th (sixth) edition by Norman Garland (2011)

CHEATING

If you cheat or plagiarize, you will receive a failing grade on the quiz or assignment. I will also report you to the college administration and seek your suspension from the college itself or such other sanctions as the law or college policy permits.

TARDY ASSIGNMENTS

Tardy assignments will not be accepted. You will get a 0 for the grade for that assignment. An assignment is due at the start of class on the due date. **YOU CANNOT EMAIL IT AFTER CLASS.**

BREAKS

Return promptly from breaks. Classes are to meet for the full time listed in the schedule, and break time cannot be used to start later or finish the class ahead of time.

LEAVING CLASS EARLY or NOT RETURNING FROM BREAKS

You will be counted as absent if you do not stay for the whole class. You will receive a 0 for each day you leave class early or fail to return from a break. Leaving and re-entering class to answer your cell phone is not permitted. Save it for the break.

FOOD, DRINKS and SMOKING

College policy forbids food and drinks (except water) in all classrooms and forbids smoking in all college facilities. You must observe these policies.

CELL PHONES, BEEPERS, PAGERS and OTHER SONOROUS GIZMOS

Turn them off while in class or leave them home. Leaving class to make or receive calls is only acceptable at a scheduled break. Otherwise, depart for good and receive a 0 for that day.

SPECIAL NEEDS and ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a special need or learning difference requiring accommodation, I will accommodate your need. Please use the services of DSP&S to make the necessary arrangements.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL and ILLNESS

Do not come to class under the influence of drug or alcohol and stay home if you are ill.

CONTACTING THE INSTRUCTOR

I am a part-time instructor and have no office on campus. You can leave written messages for me in my mailbox in the College Center mail room or email me jwstatone1c@yahoo.com.

CLASS SCHEDULE

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Class 1	Introduction	
Class 2		Chapters 1
Class 3		Chapter 2
Class 4		QUIZ & Chapter 3
Class 5		Chapter 4
Class 6	Chapter 5	
Class 7		QUIZ & Chapter 6
Class 8		Chapter 7
Class 9		Chapter 8
Class 10		QUIZ & Chapter 9
Class 11	Chapter 9 & 10	
Class 12	Chapter 11 & 12	
Class 13		QUIZ & Chapter 13, 14, 15

And course review

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