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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An in-depth study of criminal procedures involving the use and handling of evidence. Topics include the categories and types of evidence, admissibility, testimony, and chain of custody.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Define and explain the meaning of relevant evidence.  
2. Define and explain the meaning of competent evidence.  
3. Identify the different categories of evidence.  
4. Identify the different types of evidence.  
5. Explain the concept of admissibility of evidence.  
6. Explain and apply the concept of hearsay and its exceptions.  
7. Define credibility and impeachment.  
8. Define and apply the concept of Chain of Custody.  
9. Explain the methods for use of notes and reports in court.  
10. Identify various techniques for use when testifying in court.

TEXT BOOK:

Gardner, Criminal Evidence, 7th Edition
GRADING SYSTEM:

Course grades are based on a Midterm Examination (50%) and a Final Examination (50%).

Grading System: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=0-59

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY:

Academic Dishonesty in any form, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and falsification of sources, shall not be tolerated and may result in the student(s) involved receiving an “F” for the course.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Attendance will be taken. Students are responsible for all material missed when absent.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

1. Lecture and discussion on textbook materials.
2. Preparation of written materials.

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS:

If, to participate in this course, you require an accommodation due to physical or learning impairment, you must contact the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Introduction Chapter 1
2. The Courts & Justice System Chapter 2
3. Use of Evidence Chapters 3 - 4
4. Witness Testimony Chapters 5 - 6
5. Hearsay Chapters 7 - 8
6. Search & Seizure/Confessions Chapters 9 - 15
7. Crime Scenes Chapter 16
8. Types of Special Evidence Chapters 17-18

COURSE SCHEDULES:

Midterm: June 9, 2011
Final: June 23, 2011

Copies of Dr. Reichard’s handouts, assignments, and study guides can be found at: http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/faculty/dr-michael-reichard/classes.aspx