

**Syllabus**  
**CRIJ 2323, Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement (3-0-3)**  
**Spring 2017, Monday & Wednesday, 1100-1215 hours Room CJ-101**

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**Course Description:**

Police authority, responsibilities, constitutional restraints, laws of arrest, search and seizure, and police liability.

**Student learning outcome:**

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

1. List and explain the legal arrest authorities in Texas.
2. Define frisk and apply the concepts in mock situations.
3. Define temporary detention and give situations where its application would be applicable.
4. Explain the constitutional restraints on police regarding arrest, search and seizure.
5. Explain police liability.
6. Explain the landmark cases listed: Mapp v. Ohio, Terry v. Ohio
7. Understand the police use of discretion.
8. Explain the exclusionary rule and apply it in mock situations.
9. List and explain the exceptions to the hearsay rule.
10. List and explain the six exceptions to the search warrant requirement.
11. To define probable cause and give examples of when it is present and absent.
12. To allow the student to work with a variety of applied techniques.
13. Think creatively, make decisions, solve problems, visualize with the minds eye, reason, and how to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.
14. Find, read and explain recent examples of major topics in this course. Examples include plea bargaining, arrests, searches and confessions.

**TEXTBOOK:**

Garland, Norman M., ***Criminal Evidence 7<sup>th</sup> Edition***, , Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 978-0-07-802661

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Chapter assignments (quizzes) done weekly on line.  
15 chapter assignments, 10 points each, 150 points possible
2. Essay on: *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, (1968) instructions in Canvas  
**or**  
A Courtroom Visit paper, completion form in Canvas, 150 points possible
3. Mid-Term and Final completed on line, 75 points possible each, total 150 points
4. Classroom attendance counts towards 20% of course grade (Be in class)  
Each non-excused absence will result in a loss of points.

## **Weight of assignments, attendance and tests**

Chapter Assignments	25%
Essay or Courtroom visit paper	25%
Mid-term & Final	30%
Attendance and Class Participation:	20%

## **Class attendance:**

Academic success is closely associated with regular class attendance and course participation. All students are required to participate in courses regularly and are obliged to participate in class activities and complete and submit assignments as assigned. Responsibility for work missed because of illness or school business is placed upon the student. Class attendance and class participation account for a total of 20 percent of the class grade.

Excessive tardiness will affect your class participation grade and tardiness of more than a half hour counts as an absence.

## **Dropping Class:**

Be aware of the college's policies and time tables for dropping classes. The student is responsible to drop the class. Students failure to properly withdraw from the class will result in the grade of F for students that do not complete the course and fail to drop it.

## **Classroom Behavior:**

Be respectful and courteous to fellow students and staff.  
Academic honesty and integrity are not negotiable  
Turn off cell phones during class  
Computers and tablets are for note taking and class research only.  
Drinks are allowed in class, no food allowed in class  
Leave the classroom at least as clean as you found it  
Be on time!