

Administrative Master Syllabus

Course Information

Course Title	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	CRIJ 2323: Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
Division	Social and Behavioral Sciences
Department	Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
Course Type	Academic General Education Course (from ACGM, but not WCJC Core)
Course Catalog Description	Police authority; responsibilities; constitutional constraints; laws of arrest, search, and seizure; police liability.
Pre-Requisites	TSI ELAR (Reading and Writing) requirements met
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
Department Head:		
Division Chair:		
VPI:		

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).

- A. The Court System, Court cases, and Source of Rights
- B. Probable Cause
- C. The Exclusionary Rule
- D. Stop and Frisk and Stationhouse Detention
- E. Arrest and Use of Force
- F. Searches and Seizures of Things
- G. Motor Vehicle Stops, Searches and Inventories
- H. Plain View, Open Fields, Abandonment and Border Searches
- I. Lineups and Other Means of Pre-trial Identification
- J. Confessions and Admissions: Miranda vs. Arizona
- K. Constitutional Rights of the Accused during Trial
- L. Legal Liabilities and other Consequences of Police Misconduct

Course Learning Outcomes:

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

- 1. Define police authority and explain constitutional restraints on said authority as enumerated in the Texas Constitution, United States Constitution, and Bill of Rights.
- 2. Outline the law of arrest and search and seizure developed through court decisions
- 3. Describe the criminal and civil liabilities that result from improper acts and/or the failure to act by law enforcement
- 4. Explain the rights of criminal defendants during witness identification, questioning, trial and appeal.

Methods of Assessment:

- 1. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, paper
- 2. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions
- 3. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions
- 4. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, paper

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Del Carmen, Roland; Hemmens, Craig; Criminal Procedure: Law and Practice, Cengage, most recent edition.

Suggested Course Maximum:

35

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

None

Course Requirements/Grading System: Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course.

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

0-69 F

Tests/quizzes 40-60%

Research paper(s) 15-30%

Homework 10-20%

Discussions 10-20%

Attendance 5-10%

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