Criminal Procedure 311 § B
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Tuesday 6:40 pm. – 9:50 pm.

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Required Text

Dressler & Thomas, Criminal Procedure: Investigating Crime (6th ed., West Publ.)

Students must self-enroll in Lexis Classroom “Criminal Procedure 311B HANSON F18” prior to the second day of class. Passcode: will be provided on the first day of class.

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Course Description

Welcome to Criminal Procedure! This course examines the constitutional rules governing criminal investigations. It explores tensions between the government’s need for efficient and effective law enforcement and the privacy and individual liberty interests of its people.

Questions we will ponder and debate: Under what circumstances can the police legally detain you? Can an officer look inside your backpack? Does it matter if you are on a sidewalk, or in a car, or in a house? What can the police take (“seize”) from you? Why must the police inform you of your Fifth Amendment right to remain silent, but not of your Fourth Amendment right to not consent to a search? When must the state provide you with an attorney?
LEARNING GOALS

After completion of this course, students should be able to:

♦ Understand, and be able to apply, general concepts of criminal procedure relating to the investigation of crime derived from the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
♦ Understand, and think critically about, the principles and policies behind our system of investigative criminal procedure.
♦ Apply and distinguish cases, with the ability to identify the salient features of an appropriate precedent case and to identify and explain legally significant similarities and differences between the precedent case and a fact pattern.
♦ Apply rules to facts, with the ability to articulate a rule implicated by the issue, to identify legally significant facts in a fact pattern, and to explain why the facts are significant by connecting the facts to the requirement(s) of the rule.
♦ Evaluate legal arguments by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the argument.
♦ Identify issues related to ethics and the professional responsibility required of those practicing within the criminal justice system.

ATTENDANCE, EXAMINATIONS, & GRADES

Class attendance is mandatory. Students who miss more than two class sessions are subject to administrative dismissal from the course per the WSCL Attendance Policy (reprinted in the Student Handbook).

Students earn a numeric grade for the course. The final course grade will consist of two “closed book” examinations: a midterm (during a regularly scheduled class) and a three-hour final examination. Final grades will be based on the midterm (15%), the final examination (70%), and P&P (participation & professionalism) (15%).

PREPARATION, PARTICIPATION, & PROFESSIONALISM

**Participation & Professionalism (P&P):** Law school is a cooperative venture. I will commit to being prepared for class, and I expect the same of you. Success in law school requires active learning, which includes re-reading material you do not fully understand prior to class, listening to everything said in class, and refraining from multi-tasking (checking social media, thinking about other courses, etc) during class. You are only in Crim Pro for 180 minutes, once a week; devote yourself fully to this limited class time to derive its maximum benefits.

This course works best if our time together includes a considerable amount of class discussion. To that end I utilize various teaching approaches including the Socratic method. For volunteer
participation, quality is valued over quantity, but being an active and engaged participant is important. All views are welcome.

15% of your final course grade will be based on the quality and quantity of your contributions to class discussions, preparation for class, attendance and punctuality, conduct during class time, and completion of any assigned exercises.

Cell phones and the internet may not be accessed during class unless upon my specific request. You may not record this class without my prior approval. Students in violation of these policies may be referred to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

**Outside Preparation:** Criminal Procedure is a bar-tested topic and a graduation requirement. You should anticipate that, on average, preparing your weekly case reading and brief writing assignments will take you a minimum of two hours for every one hour of class time. To repeat with specificity and at risk of redundancy: because Criminal Procedure is a three-unit class, you should estimate your preparation for class to require six or more hours outside of class to complete.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Students are encouraged to take advantage of office hours. You may sign up by sending a request by email at least one day prior to the requested time. I will confirm by email. You may sign up individually or as a group, but you may only request one time slot per individual or group. As a courtesy to your fellow classmates, do not request more than one appointment at a time. F18 Office Hours will be announced during the first week of class.

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**READING ASSIGNMENTS**

**THE FOURTH AMENDMENT**

**WEEK 1: Tuesday August 21**

Reasonable Expectations of Privacy (REP); Electronic Surveillance
pp. 71-76; 95-104; 112 (note 1)-122; 135-143; 144 (note 5)-159

**WEEK 2: Tuesday August 28**

Home, Curtilage, & Open Fields; Probable Cause (PC); Anonymous Informants; “PC Hearings”
pp. 123 (note 4)-134; 162-172; 177-178; 188-195; 199 (note 1)-201; 213 (note 1)-214
WEEK 3: Tuesday September 4

Warrants; Exigent Circumstances; Plain View & Plain Touch
pp. 216 (note 7); 224-247; 346-351; 351 (notes 2 & 3)

WEEK 4: Tuesday September 11

Search Incident to Arrest (SITA); Arrest Inventories; Protective Sweeps
pp. 251-258; 260 (note 8)-273; 286-296; 454-459

WEEK 5: Tuesday September 18

Cars, Containers in Cars, & Pretextual Stops
pp. 297-317; 331-339

WEEK 6: Tuesday September 25

Consent; “Stop & Frisk”
pp. 352-357; 359-373; 376-381; 381 (note 2)-384; 389-401; 403 (note 4)-409

WEEK 7: Tuesday October 2

“Special Needs” & Other Suspicionless Searches; “Consensual Encounters”
pp. 469-474; 417-424 (through note 3); 427-430; 438-439; 443-452; Jones, Elizabeth N.,
Possible Problems at the San Clemente Checkpoint, 6 Va. J. Crim. L. 43 (2018), available on
SSRN:
https://ssrn.com/abstract=3119310

CONCEPTS OF “STANDING” IN CRIM PRO + MIDTERM EXAMINATION

WEEK 8: Tuesday October 9

Midterm - first half of class / second half of class pp. 493-515

JUDICIALLY CREATED REMEDIES

WEEK 9: Tuesday October 16

The Exclusionary Rule
pp. 520-527; 528 (note 4)-551; 553-559; 568-575
THE FIFTH AMENDMENT

WEEK 10: Tuesday October 23

The Right to not Self-Incriminate: *Miranda v Arizona*
pp. 625-640; 644 (note 6)-646; 691-697; 701-708

WEEK 11: Tuesday October 30

Continuing to Define & Limit *Miranda*
pp. 733-737; 739 (note 2); 652-659; 678-687

WEEK 12: Tuesday November 6

Defining & Limiting *Miranda* Even Further; Non-Testimonial Evidence
pp. 687-690; 714-717 (through note 5); 710-711 (notes 6 & 7)

THE SIXTH AMENDMENT

WEEK 13: Tuesday November 13

The Right to Appointed Counsel; Jailhouse Informants
pp. 1043-1046; 1050-1052; 1070-1077; 755-775

WEEK 14: Tuesday November 20

Eyewitness Identification/ Wrap –Up & Review
pp. 827-857

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this regard, please notify Dean Espinoza; or please notify Dean Allen Easley at (714) 459-1168. Complaints will be handled in accordance with the College of Law’s “Policy against Discrimination and Harassment.”

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**Western State College of Law Programmatic Learning Outcomes:** Western State College of Law’s curriculum is designed so that every student achieves a level of competency prior to graduation in each of the eight Programmatic Learning Outcomes listed below:

1. **Doctrinal Knowledge**
   Students will demonstrate knowledge of substantive and procedural law in the core curriculum subjects, including Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Torts, Property, Business Associations, Evidence, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Estates, Community Property, Remedies, and Professional Responsibility.

2. **Practice Skills**
   Students will demonstrate the development of other law practice skills. Each student’s chosen outcomes within this category will be varied based on the student’s particular interests, coursework and work experiences. They may include, but are not limited to, the following topics: oral presentation and advocacy; interviewing; counseling; client service and business development; negotiations, mediation, arbitration, or other alternate dispute resolution methods; advanced legal research and writing (excluding purely academic papers and the first four units earned in introductory first-year legal research and writing class); applied legal writing such as drafting contracts, pleadings, other legal instruments; law practice management or the use of technology in law practice; cultural competency; collaboration or project management; financial analysis, such as accounting, budgeting project management, and valuation; cost benefit analysis in administrative agencies; use of technology, data analyses, or predictive coding; business strategy and behavior; pre-trial preparation, fact investigation, such as discovery, e-discovery, motion practice, assessing evidence, or utilizing experts; trial practice; professional civility and applied ethics; a law clinic that includes a classroom component; or a legal externship that includes a classroom component.

3. **Legal Analysis**
   Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the factual and legal issues implicated by a fact pattern and to appropriately use cases (including identifying the salient features of an appropriate precedent case, identifying legally significant similarities or differences between the precedent case and a fact pattern and explaining why those are legally significant) and rules (including the ability to connect legally significant facts in a fact pattern to the rule) to predict how a court would decide the issue. Students will also demonstrate the ability to identify and evaluate the public policies of a precedent case or rule, and be able to evaluate how public policy can impact the application of a rule to the legal issue.

4. **Legal Research**
   Students will demonstrate the ability to locate relevant legal authority using a variety of book and electronic resources, and to properly cite to such legal authority.

5. **Communication**
   Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate both orally and in writing in a manner appropriate to a particular task to effectively convey the author or speaker’s ideas. This includes audience sensitivity in written and oral communication (the ability to adopt a tone, style and level of detail appropriate to the needs, knowledge and expertise of the audience); and written communication basic proficiency (the ability to use the conventions of grammar, spelling, punctuation, diction and usage appropriate to the task and sufficient to convey effectively the author’s ideas).

6. **Advocacy of Legal Argument**
   Students will demonstrate the ability, in both oral and written formats, to evaluate the legal, economic and social strengths and weaknesses of a case and use case and statutory authority as well as public policy to persuade others. Making policy-based arguments includes the ability to identify and evaluate the public policies of a precedent case or rule and their implications, and be able to assert such appropriate arguments to support a particular application or distinction of a precedent case to a legal controversy or a particular resolution of the application of a rule to the legal controversy.
(7) **Client Sensitivity and Cultural Competency**
Students will demonstrate an awareness of clients’ needs and goals, including a sensitivity to clients’ background and circumstances (including, but not limited to, socio-economic, gender, race, ethnicity, educational, disability and/or religious background(s)), the ability to make decisions that reflect an appropriate focus on those needs and goals, and awareness that cultural issues may affect the relevance of facts and application of the law.

(8) **Legal Ethics**
Students will demonstrate the ability to identify ethical issues in law practice contexts and make appropriate decisions to resolve such issues.

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**Argosy University Institutional Learning Outcomes:**

1. **Analytical Reasoning**
   Analyze issues objectively, interpret and synthesize data and ideas, and develop feasible, flexible, and creative solutions to real world problems.

2. **Effective Communication**
   Identify audiences, assess information provided, interpret needs, and present relevant information using appropriate written, oral, and listening skills and media to meet the needs of the situation.

3. **Information Competency**
   Gather, evaluate, and ethically use information from a variety of relevant technological and library resources to make decisions and take action.

4. **Interpersonal Effectiveness**
   Develop individual and group interpersonal skills to improve and foster participation and interaction critical for achieving individual and group goals.

5. **Personal and Professional Integrity and Ethical Behavior**
   Demonstrate a multi dimensional awareness of individual and social responsibility to act ethically and with integrity in a diverse, global society.

6. **Professional Competence**
   Apply skills appropriate to program objectives and employ critical reasoning to contribute to one's field and profession.