

Tidewater Community College Official Course Outline

ADJ 211 Criminal Law Evidence and Procedure I

Lecture Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 0 Total Contract Hours: 3 Total Credits: 3

Course Description: Teaches the elements of proof for major and common crimes and the legal classification of offenses. Studies the kinds, degrees and admissibility of evidence and its presentation in criminal proceedings with emphasis on legal guidelines for methods and techniques of evidence acquisition. Surveys the procedural requirements from arrest to final disposition in the various American court systems with focus on the Virginia jurisdiction.

Course Objectives: Upon Completing this course, the student will be familiar with the following areas of Criminal Law and Procedure:

- The fundamental features of American Courts.
- The Bill of Rights under the United States Constitution.
- The criminal process against the accused.
- The methods of determining a sentence for a defendant after conviction.
- Probable Cause, Reasonable Suspicion, and Beyond a Reasonable Doubt.
- The Exclusionary Rule and its exceptions
- Stop and Frisk case law, i.e. Terry V. Ohio
- Aspects and consequences of illegal arrests

Course Content:

- The court system and sources of rights
- The Constitution and Criminal Procedures
- Probable Cause and Reasonable Suspicion
- The Exclusionary Rule
- Stop and Frisk, Border Searches and Stationhouse Detention
- Arrest

Text Book CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW AND PRACTICE Latest EDITION, BY ROLANDO V. DEL CARMEN