

Marshall University

Course Syllabus

Course Title/Number	CJ 621: Advanced Criminal Law & Procedure
Semester/Year	Spring, 2017
Days/Time	M 4:00 – 6:20 pm
Location	SH 418
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University Policies	By enrolling in this course, you agree to the University Policies listed below. Please read the full text of each policy by going to www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs and clicking on “Marshall University Policies.” Or, you can access the policies directly by going to http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/?page_id=802 Academic Dishonesty/ Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduates/ Computing Services Acceptable Use/ Inclement Weather/ Dead Week/ Students with Disabilities/ Academic Forgiveness/ Academic Probation and Suspension/ Academic Rights and Responsibilities of Students/ Affirmative Action/ Sexual Harassment

Course Description: From Catalog

A review of contemporary legislative and court decisions relating to criminal law and criminal procedure. (PR: CJ 322 or permission)

The table below shows the following relationships: How each student learning outcomes will be practiced and assessed in the course.

Course Student Learning Outcomes	How students will practice each outcome in this Course	How student achievement of each outcome will be assessed in this Course
Students will be able to describe and explain the concepts of criminal law and criminal procedure, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional restraints on criminal law, • Inchoate crime • Party liability • Criminal conduct • Arrest, search & seizure • Pretrial identification • Interrogations & confessions • Right to counsel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readings in the textbook • Classroom discussion • Homework Assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam questions

Students will be able to read, interpret, and brief appellate court opinions	Writing a paper about a pending US Supreme Court case	Research paper based on pending US Supreme Court case
Students will be able to describe the types of arguments made by both sides in computer criminal cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readings in the textbook • Class discussion • Case Briefs • Homework assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Briefs • Exam questions

Required Texts, Additional Reading, and Other Materials

Hall, Daniel E., *Criminal Law & Procedure*, 7th ed., Cengage (2014).

Course Requirements / Due Dates

1. Homework assignments are due on the date indicated in the assignment. Late assignments may not be made up and will not be accepted, without university excuse.
2. Exam 1 will be due on **February 27, 2017**.
3. All students will prepare a 20-25 page, 20-25 source, APA style research paper. The instructor will provide a list of approved topics for research papers. One student per subject. Research Papers are due **April 10, 2017**.
4. Presentations will take place **April 24, 2017**.
5. Final exam will take place on **May 1, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**.

Grading Policy

Exam 1 - 100 points	90-100% = A
Exam 2 (Final) – 100 points	80-89% = B
Homework/Online Assignments – 225 points	70-79% = C
Research Paper – 100 points	60-69% = D
Presentation – 50 points	Below 60% = F
Leadership/class discussion – 50 points	
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE - 625	

Once assignments/exams are returned to students, it is the responsibility of the students to maintain those documents in case there is a discrepancy between my grade book and your actual grade. Please maintain your graded papers until you receive your final grade.

Academic Dishonesty

All students must be familiar with the university's policy concerning academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, fabrication and falsification of data or information, plagiarism, bribes/favors/threats, and complicity with any of these activities. Students who violate this policy face sanctions included in the Academic Dishonesty Policy, including lowering of a grade on an assignment, lowering of a final grade, or failing the course.

Attendance Policy

Attendance will be recorded daily. Poor attendance will have an adverse effect on your class participation because ***you can't participate if you're not here!*** For classes that meet twice per week 7.5 points are taken off for each unexcused absence (classes meeting three times are 5 points each). These points are deducted from a total possible 100 points. Unexcused absences are those that do not fall into the list of excused categories identified in the university catalog: (1) university sponsored activities; (2) absences as a result of personal illness or a death in the family; and (3) absences resulting from major religious holidays. For a more detailed explanation of these categories, please see the undergraduate catalog under the heading of "Class Attendance." All excused absences must be presented to the professor with proper documentation. ***No excuses will be accepted after the class period immediately following the class that was missed.***

If you miss an exam with no legitimate documented excuse, a zero will be given for that test with no make-up test. If you are ill or know in advance that you will miss an exam for a legitimate excuse, you (or your representative) must notify me ***BEFORE*** the scheduled exam time (if I am not notified before the exam, you will be given a zero regardless of the excuse). For those students who do contact me and have a legitimate excuse (as defined in the preceding paragraph), an alternative time to take the exam will be determined. The format of the make-up exams will be left to my discretion. In addition, students who are late on exam day will not be permitted to take the exam if another student(s) has already completed the exam and has left the classroom; the exam in this case has been compromised. In other words, you will ***NOT*** be able to take the exam or take a make-up exam.

*There are **no make-ups for pop quizzes or in-class assignments** with or without an excuse; however, if a valid documented excuse is presented [and accepted by the professor] the score will be waived, but it is the student's responsibility to notify the professor regarding a missed quiz (i.e., "I will not hunt you down"). Also, as stated previously, no excuses will be accepted after the class period immediately following the class that was missed.*

Classroom Rules

1. Be on time.
2. Be prepared.
3. Respect each other.
4. Never, ever cheat.
5. Put your cell phones away. This includes earphones.
6. Do not sleep in my class.

Violation of any of these rules will result in you being asked to leave the classroom for the remainder of the class period.

COURSE SCHEDULE	
Please note: This is a tentative outline.	
DATE	CONTENT
1/9/17	Introduction Paper Assignments
1/16/17 Online	
1/23/17	Chapters 1 - 3 Legal System in the United States; Intro to Criminal Law; Essential Elements
1/30/17 Online	
2/6/17	Chapters 4 - 6 Crimes against the Person; Crimes against Property & Habitation; Crimes against the Public
2/13/17 Online	
2/20/17	Chapters 7 - 9 Parties & Inchoate Crimes; Factual and Statutory Defenses; Constitutional Defenses
2/27/17 Online	MIDTERM EXAM DUE 2/27/17
3/6/17	Chapters 10 - 11 Introduction & Parties; Constitutional Aspects of Criminal Procedure
3/13/17	SPRING BREAK
3/20/17 Online	
3/27/17	Chapter 12 Searches, Seizures, and Arrests
4/3/17 Online	
4/10/17 Online	
4/17/17	Chapter 13 Interrogation, Electronic Surveillance, & Other Police Practices PAPERS DUE
4/24/17	Chapters 14 - 16 Pretrial Process; Trial; Sentencing & Appeal PAPER PRESENTATIONS
5/1/17	FINAL EXAM