

SYL-2021- SPRING-CJ 332-OLC-RAY, JONATHAN
Criminal Evidence and Procedure
STILLMAN COLLEGE
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Class Hours: online

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*******CANVAS*******

ALL Assignments are due IN CANVAS by 11:59 p.m. on the due date unless otherwise noted. NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE REOPENED. DO NOT EMAIL ASSIGNMENTS TO ME. I will post the assignments weeks or months in advance. Turn them in early. If you miss an assignment, there will be two makeup opportunities for PARTIAL credit. SEE COURSE SCHEDULE BELOW FOR ALL DUE DATES.

Course Description: This course examines process of a criminal case from investigation through the court process

Prerequisites: Students should have the basic criminal justice requirement completed.

Course Objectives: This course will develop your skills in:

- Contributing opinions to class discussions
- Using technology to conduct basic historical research
- Reading and analyzing primary and secondary sources
- Analyzing the evolution of the Constitution in the United States
- Understanding the link between law and criminal justice

UNIT I: Introduction to Criminal Procedure; Searches and Seizures; Exclusion

UNIT II: Constitutional Amendments

UNIT III: Bail, Pre-Trial Release, Discovery, Plea Bargaining, Guilty Pleas

UNIT IV: Rules of Criminal Procedure

DUE DATES:

January 15: Discussion 1 (NO MAKEUPS ON DISCUSSIONS)

January 29: Exam I

February 5: Discussion 2

February 19: Discussion 3

February 26: Exam II

March 5: Makeup I (for Exams I and II only)

March 26: Discussion 4

April 2: Exam III

April 16: Research Paper

April 23: Makeup II (for Research Paper, Exams I, II, and III only)

TBD: FINAL EXAM

Reading Assignments:

1. The Constitution
2. Various documents under Course Files in CANVAS.
3. Various cases you may find online based on information in CANVAS

Assignments and Grades:

EXAMS: You will have four exams worth 100 points each. The exams will be essay-based and submitted in CANVAS.

RESEARCH PAPER: You will have one research paper worth 100 points. The paper should be three pages, single-spaced minimum, in length. Cite at least three book sources or cases using Chicago (Turabian) style footnotes. You may pick any topic on Constitutional History. **DO NOT USE WEBSITES AS SOURCES.** Below is an example of a footnote if you were quoting from page sixty of the book, *From Slavery to Freedom*, by John Hope Franklin and Alfred A. Moss.¹

DISCUSSION: You will have four discussion assignments on Canvas worth 100 points total. I will grade all discussions on a curve at the end of the semester. I will base grades on effort, content, thoughtfulness, and responses. **NO MAKEUPS ON DISCUSSIONS**

GRADES:

A 537-600

B 477-536

C 417-476

D 357-416

F 356 and below

Textbook: No textbook, but you will read the Constitution, documents located in Course Files in CANVAS, and various cases you may find online based on the information provided in CANVAS

IMPORTANT:

1. **Read this section closely before contacting me with questions.**
2. **Read the syllabus completely.**
3. **ALWAYS CHECK CANVAS. You CANNOT pass this class without Canvas.**
4. **Make sure all work is submitted on time. No exceptions. Failure to submit on time will result in automatic failure of the assignment. The assignment will close at 11:59 p.m. on the due date and will not be re-opened.**

¹ Franklin, John Hope and Alfred A. Moss. *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans* (New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 2000), 60.

5. Be honest: any suspicion of cheating or plagiarism will result in failure.
6. Check Canvas for announcements, etc.
7. Make sure that you note when the makeup days are on the syllabus.
8. ALL assignments are in Canvas. That means you cannot pass this class without being in Canvas. Make sure you are enrolled in Canvas before you do anything else today. Canvas. Canvas.
9. DO NOT copy and paste. Paraphrase. Be original.
10. ALL answers to questions regarding class and assignments will be found in one or more of the following places: syllabus, Canvas, or email. Exhaust all these resources and you will find answers you need. DO NOT contact me until you have followed these instructions. If you do not receive an email response within one business day, it is because the answer is in one of the places mentioned above
11. Email is the method of communication.
12. NO makeups on Discussions—they are open for plenty of time ahead of time
13. If you read the assignments, take notes, and submit assignments on time you will do well in the course. GOOD LUCK!!
14. I hope the best for you and will help you in any way I can in this class, your career at Stillman, and beyond
15. Read this section again