

# Court Systems and Processes

## SPRING 2009



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### I COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:

CJL 4510 Court Systems and Processes - 10750 - 0  
Days: Monday & Wednesday  
Time: 03:00pm to 04:15pm  
Location: Social Sciences Bld. # 51, Classroom 1205  
Course start and end dates: Jan 05 – Apr 24, 2009  
Final Examination: Monday, April 20, 2009, 03:00pm – 04:50pm

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### III COURSE DESCRIPTION:

**CJL 4510 - Court Systems and Processes 3**

Prerequisite: CCJ 3023.

**UNF 2008-9 Undergraduate Catalogue, College of Arts and Sciences Course Descriptions page 161.**

This course examines the American judicial systems, its role and function in the criminal justice process, the actors and processes which drive it, and the outcomes it produces. Topics include the origin of American court structure and processes, criminal trial processes, rules of evidence, and the appellate court system.

### IV LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

There are four general criminal justice objectives for this course:

1. To recognize and critically analyze court systems and procedures.
2. To participate in relevant class discussion about the various court systems and procedures.
3. To explain the foundation of the prominent models of court systems and procedures as well as discuss the different types and their historical context.
4. To articulate how the United States Constitution, The Bill of Rights and decisions of the United States Supreme Court affect state and federal court systems and procedures in America.

### V REQUIRED MATERIALS:

David W. Neubauer, *America's Courts and the Criminal Justice System*;  
9th Edition, © 2008 ISBN #0495095400

### VI COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES

**Attendance:** The student is responsible for regular attendance and all material covered during days missed from the class. Punctuality is expected as a common courtesy. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered in class and if any assignments or announcements

I had a friend named  
Campbell  
He used to rob, steal and  
gamble  
He tried ev'rything that  
was low-down  
He was out tom-cattin'  
one night  
When he started a big  
fight  
Then a big policeman  
came  
and knocked him down

He's in the jailhouse  
now  
He's in the jailhouse  
now  
I told him over again  
To quit drinking  
whiskey  
Lay off of that gin  
He's in the jailhouse  
now

Campbell broke jail one  
day  
Decided he'd go away  
But the police met him  
at the train  
The cop says I've come  
for you  
Campbell says that this  
won't do  
Because Campbell never  
was my name

He's in the jailhouse  
now  
He's in the jailhouse  
now  
Yes, he broke out  
All over town the fool  
walked about  
He's in the jailhouse  
now

Jim Johnson liked to run  
around  
Flirt with every girl in  
town  
Until one day he flirted  
with Benny's wife  
Benny cut him in the  
face  
It was a bad disgrace  
And now he's graveyard  
bound

He's in the jailhouse  
now  
He's in the jailhouse  
now  
It was his friend  
That let this matter end  
He's in the jailhouse  
now

I met his old gal Sadie  
She said, "Have you  
seen my baby"  
I told her he was  
downtown in the can  
She went down to the  
jail  
Just to go his bail  
She said, "I've come  
down here to get my

were made.

**Participation:** Class participation will be expected from all students.

**BlackBoard:** Blackboard will be used to disseminate information to the class. All students are required to have and access UNF email and the BlackBoard system. Only official UNF email addresses will be used to contact students in this course.

**Course Prerequisites:** Students are responsible to have satisfied all published prerequisites for this class. Please review the prerequisites and discuss any questions with your academic adviser.

**Legal Advice:** Students WILL NOT receive free legal advice from instructor! Please do not ask personal legal questions. Students in need of legal counseling should contact a licensed attorney in Florida or the state upon which their question is based.

### **Electronic Policy:**

■ **Violations of this policy will result in a five-point deduction from your final grade for each infraction. Laptops may be used only by permission.**

- NO electronic communication devices are to be used in this class during class time. This includes cell phones, beepers, Blackberrys, laptops, etc...
- If your device rings, chirps, sings or goes-off during class you will be asked to leave.
- If you are caught texting or instant messaging during class, you will be asked to leave.
- If you are caught surfing, doing work for other classes, looking at/answering email, playing games or any other non-course related activity on your laptop during class time, you will be asked to leave.
- During guest speakers, student presentations and films, all laptops will be closed.
- No listening to music devices or any other electronic equipment during class time.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is a major academic offense and will be fully punished if caught. Plagiarism means the presentation of the ideas and/or the words of someone else as one's own. You commit plagiarism if you use:

- Any part of another person's written words without correct documentation
- Any part of another person's ideas without correct documentation

This includes any part of a book, encyclopedia, magazine article, journal article, newspaper article, CD-ROM, or website used without correct documentation.

Plagiarism is punished in a variety of ways. The student who plagiarizes may fail the assignment and/or the entire course. And, in consultation with administrators, the instructor may recommend further action as to the student's campus status.

### **Class Norms:**

- Expression of individual opinions and free discussion is encouraged in this class.
- This demands tolerance on your part for those opinions with which you do not agree.
- Tolerance to opinions does not refer to acceptance of prejudicial or demeaning remarks. ***Personally demeaning remarks will not be tolerated.*** This includes remarks that are racially and/or sexually offensive.
- Students who become disruptive in class (i.e. talking/whispering while the instructor is talking, talking/whispering while others are speaking, making comments to neighbors about

others in class, OR any other disruptive behaviors) will be asked to stop the behavior immediately!

- If the behavior continues, the student(s) will be asked to leave the classroom immediately and for the rest of the class period.
- If asked to leave, a student(s) will not be allowed back in the classroom until he/she/they meet with the instructor in her office to discuss the disruptive behavior.
- If the disruptive behaviors arise in class again, the student(s) will be asked to leave and cannot return until he/she/they meet with the instructor and the Department Chair to discuss dropping the student(s) from the course.

**VII. COURSE SCHEDULE AND TOPIC OUTLINE:**  
**Class schedule subject to modification, but not without prior notification**

	<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> Prior	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Class;	Chapter 1 Controversy in the Courts	Read Chapters
1/7	Chapter 2	Law & Crime: Rights of the Accused	to Attending Class
1/12	Chapter 3	Federal Courts & Specialized Courts	
1/14	Chapter 4	State Courts & Court Unification	
1/19	Martin Luther King Birthday Observance	Holiday	No Class
1/21	Chapter 5	The Dynamics of the Courthouse & Legal Ethics	
1/26	Chapter 6	Prosecutors & The Prosecutor's Office at Work	
1/28	Chapter 7	Defense Attorneys & Indigence	
2/2 – Groundhog Day-	Chapter 8	Judges	
2/4	Ch. 8 cont.	& Judicial Selection	
2/9	Chapter 9	Defendants	
2/11	Ch. 9 cont.	& Victims	
2/16	Chapter 10	Arrest to Arraignment	
2/18	<b>MIDTERM EXAMINATION OVER ALL MATERIALS COVERED THUS FAR</b>		
2/23	Chapter 11	Bail & Bail Reform	
2/25	Chapter 12	Disclosing and Suppressing Evidence	
3/2	Chapter 13	Negotiating Justice & Copping a Plea	
3/4	Chapter 14	Trials	
3/9	Ch. 14 cont.	and Juries	
3/11	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences - No Class		
3/16, 3/18 SPRING BREAK - No Class			
3/23	Chapter 15	Sentencing Options & The Death Penalty	
3/25	Chapter 16	Sentencing Decisions: Disparities & Discrimination	
3/30	Chapter 17	Appellate Courts	
4/1 – April Fools Day –		Post-Conviction Relief	
4/6	Chapter 18	The Lower Courts & Rural Justice	
4/8	Chapter 19	Juvenile Courts	
4/13	Ch 19 cont.	& Due Process	
4/15	Last Day of Class -	The Next 100 Years	

4/20 – Final Exam; 11:00am till 12:50pm

**Description of Class Assignments and Exams:**

**NOTE: Late Assignments:** All assignments must be turned in at the beginning of class on the date scheduled. Late assignments will be accepted at a penalty of 5% per diem.

**Quizzes: 6, worth 25 points each**

Quizzes will be given in class and incorporate topics covered in the course lecture, reading, and films viewed in class. The quizzes are a combination of multiple choice, true and false, and short answer questions.

**Case Summaries: 4, worth 25 points each**

Throughout the course, landmark cases will be handed out in class. Students will be required to provide a summary of these cases including the facts and issues of the case, the rule of law that is applied, conclusion, and your opinion on how the case affects the law and criminal justice today. Each must be typed using Times New Roman 12 font. Students must work individually on these assignments. Students must be prepared to discuss these questions in class.

**Examinations: 2, worth 100 points each**

There will be two cumulative examinations during the course of the semester. Applicable material will be all readings, materials for writing assignments and lecture materials. The examinations will be a combination of any or all of the following: essay, short answer, true/false, multiple choice, matching, and definitions. Date for the examination will be announced at least one week in advance.

***NOTE:** All students are expected to take the exam on the date scheduled. If for any reason a student cannot take an exam on the assigned day, the instructor must be notified as early in advance or as soon thereafter as possible AND instructor approval obtained. Make-up examinations will be given only for approved absences and on a date agreed upon by the instructor.*

**VI. Grading Criteria:**

Your final grade is determined by your performance on the following:

<i>Quizzes (6; 4 counted @25 points each)</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Case Summaries (4 @ 25 points each)</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Midterm Exam</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Final Exam</i>	<u><i>100</i></u>
	<i>400 points</i>

400 points possible

Please note that in accordance with FERPA, grades cannot be posted, provided over the telephone or sent via e-mail

**POINTS EARNED AND FINAL GRADE**

372 to 400 A	280 to 291 C-
360 to 371 A-	268 to 279 D+
348 to 359 B+	252 to 267 D
332 to 347 B	240 to 251 D-
320 to 331 B-	0 to 239 F
308 to 319 C+	
292 to 307 C	