COURSE INFORMATION FORM

DISCIPLINE
Paralegal Practice

COURSE TITLE
Criminal Law and Procedures

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION
The student will be introduced to criminal law, classification and analysis of crimes and criminal acts; fundamentals of constitutional and criminal law concepts; elements of local, state and federal jurisdiction, venue and procedure as they apply to law enforcement, and detailed concepts in the laws of arrest, search and seizure and the preservation and protection of life and property.

PREREQUISITES
PARA 100

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES IN THE COURSE
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Use legal terminology related to the criminal justice process.
2. Identify the roles, functions and processes in a criminal court proceeding.
3. Apply criminal laws and processes to case studies and compare the conclusions.
4. Determine the legal theory underlying state action against defendants.
5. Describe elements, classifications and types of criminal offenses.
6. Identify and list cases associated with the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 14th Amendments.
7. Identify possible defenses to criminal charges and be able to discuss issues relating to search and seizure, Miranda, arrest and interrogation and other issues relating to the exclusionary rule.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES (ESO)
Specify which general education outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course. Numbers in parentheses identify the Expected Student Outcomes linked to the specific General Education Outcome.

Outcomes (ESO)

1. Communication
   B. Reading Skills
      3. Make accurate inferences and predictions based on evidence (3,4,5,7)

2. Critical Thinking
   A. Sort and Classify Information
      1. Distinguish among facts, feelings, judgment and inferences, and prioritize the respective role of each in a given context (1,3,4)
   C. Formulate a hypothesis
      3. Provide supporting arguments, evidence and/or experimentation (4,6,7)
PROGRAM-LEVEL OUTCOMES

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Specify which Career and Technical program outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Career and Technical Education template” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes to assessment measures.

The student will demonstrate:

1. Review a criminal case file and identify issues and possible defenses
2. Review a criminal case file and identify issues relating to possible motions to suppress, i.e. search and seizure issues, 5th Amendment issues, arrest and interrogation issues
3. Possess a broad knowledge of substantive and procedural law
   a. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic rules and legal principles that apply by identifying the elements of offenses and know what evidence is necessary to satisfy those elements
4. Know the proceedings in the courtroom with regard to a criminal case including motion practice, trial, sentencing, post conviction proceedings and appeal process

CLASS-LEVEL ASSESSMENT MEASURES
Student accomplishment of expected student outcomes will be assessed using the following measures. (Identify which measures are used to assess which outcomes.)

1. Exam (1,2,3,4,5,6,7)
2. Class participation (2,4,5,6)
3. Written assignments (6,7)
Individual instructors may order this outline as fits the needs of their individual courses. In addition, they may place more emphasis on some areas than on others. What is assured is that this particular list is covered in the course. Other topics may be added to a course as the instructor sees fit, and as time and interest allow. An *asterisk can be used to mark an item as optional.

I. Foundations of Criminal Law
   A. Overview of the Legal System
   B. Criminal Law and Punishment
   C. Criminal Punishment and Reason
   D. Elements of legal procedure

II. Administration of Criminal Justice and the Paralegal
   A. Criminal Court System
   B. Role of the Paralegal

III. Components of Crime

IV. Inchoate and Organized Crimes
   A. Conspiracy
   B. Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
   C. Criminal Enterprises

V. Defenses
   A. Constitutional and Statutory Defenses
   B. Justifications, Excuses, and Missing Elements

VI. Intake and Drafting of the Complaint
   A. Intake Procedure
   B. Decision to Charge
   C. Drafting the Complaint
   D. Summons and Warrants

VII. Search and Seizure

VIII. Confessions and Pretrial Identification Procedures
   A. The Fifth Amendment Privilege against Self-Incrimination
   B. Confessions and Interrogations

IX. The Court Process

X. Sentencing Punishment and Review