COURSE INFORMATION FORM

DISCIPLINE  Paralegal Practice
COURSE TITLE  Criminal Evidence
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION
An introduction and overview of Federal and State laws and rules pertaining to criminal evidence including admissibility, competency, relevancy, presentation of physical and other material evidence, direct and circumstantial evidence, hearsay and exceptions to the hearsay rule.

PREREQUISITES
PARA 100

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

1. Identify the various forms of evidence for admission in a criminal trial.
2. Lay a foundation for admission of evidence at trial.
3. Discuss the applicable Federal Rules of Evidence and Missouri Rules of Evidence pertaining to criminal cases.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of applicable constitutional, federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to admission of evidence in criminal cases.

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
   A. Listening and Speaking Skills
      3. Find, organize and correctly cite/credit material for oral presentations (3,4)
   B. Reading Skills
      3. Make accurate inferences and predictions based on evidence (2,4)
2. Critical Thinking
   A. Sort and classify information
      4. Distinguish the relevant from irrelevant and integrate by relationships (1,2,4)
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. Knowledge of the various forms of evidence and knowledge of the foundation required for admission of evidence
2. A working knowledge of the Missouri and Federal Rules of Evidence pertaining to criminal cases

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. Examinations (Midterm and Final) (1,2,3,4)
2. Oral participation in class (1,3,4)
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. Trial Procedure and the Introduction of Evidence
   A. Introduce evidence
   B. Prepare motions and briefs
   C. 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendment issues
   D. Exclusionary rule and exceptions

II. Pre-trial motions
    A. Motion for discovery
    B. Motion to suppress evidence
    C. Motion to dismiss

III. Opinions, expertise and experts; scientific and demonstrative evidence
    A. Opinions, expertise and experts
    B. Scientific and demonstrative evidence

IV. Confidentiality and confidential communication

V. Relevance of the Evidence
   A. Probabilistic evidence
   B. Character, habit and custom
      1. Character in Issue
      2. Character as circumstantial evidence