

Real World Criminal Law-V456
Fall Semester, 2010
Indiana University, Bloomington
School of Public Policy and Environmental Affairs
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Class time: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45
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Required Text: *Criminal Courts: A Contemporary Perspective*. Hemmens, Brody, Spohn. Sage Publishing.

Course Description: We are going to investigate the “real world” of criminal law by discussing each of the key players and stakeholders. Class sessions will be interactive. Participation and attendance are critical and will contribute to the student's overall evaluation. We will have at least two guests from the real world of criminal law as well as a tour of the Indiana State Police Laboratory in Indianapolis.

Course Objective: For students to understand key criminal law concepts and how those concepts shape the criminal justice system and our society.

Course Requirements: Attendance is required. Participation in class discussion is required. Failure to attend and/or participate will adversely impact evaluations. Students are responsible for having read all assigned material prior to each class session. Students are expected to be prepared to present one current event relating to the criminal justice system to the class per class session. Students are also responsible for completing all projects on time.

Class Policy:

Late Assignments: Any deviation from established deadlines must be communicated to the instructor and approved at least seven days prior to the deadline. Grades on assignments turned in after established deadlines will be reduced by 5% per day late.

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend class. Students are expected to be physically present, to be prepared for class discussions, to participate appropriately in class discussions, to be attentive during class, and to treat all guest lectures with courtesy and respect. Failure to meet these expectations will result in a reduction of class participation grades. Each student will receive two excused absences, provided they are approved in writing in advance. Medical emergencies constitute an excused absence and must be accompanied by a doctor's statement. Any other absence will be considered unexcused. Each unexcused absence will reduce the class participation grade. More than 3 absences will result in a failing grade for the class.

All electronics are to be turned off and put away before class. This includes laptops and phones.

No recordings are to be made in class.

Students are not to sign anyone's name other than their own.

Statement on student dishonesty: Please refer to the SPEA Academic Policies

You will be graded as follows:

Participation and preparation	20%
Test#1	10%
Mid-term Project	25%
Test #2	10%
Final Project	35%

Schedule

#1 August 31	Introduction, Voir Dire, Housekeeping, Expectations
#2 September 2	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 1-Introduction Discussion: Overview of the Court System; How Judges Make Law Group Exercise in Making Laws
#3 September 7	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 2-Sources of Law Discussion: Introduction to the Exclusionary Rule Group Exercise in Exclusionary Rule
#4 September 9	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 3-Types of Law Discussion: Civil v. Criminal Group Exercise on Pattern Jury Instruction
#5 September 14	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 3-Types of Law Discussion: Statutes-Elements of a Crime Group Exercise on Elements of a Crime
#6 September 16	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 4-Court Organization and Structure Discussion: Overview of the Key Players in the Criminal Justice Process
#7 September 21	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 4-Court Organization and Structure Discussion: Criminal Process
#8 September 23	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 5-Prosecutors Discussion: Prosecutorial Discretion Group Exercise on American Bar Association Rules for Prosecutors
#9 September 28	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 5-Prosecutors Discussion: Charging Decisions: Can the State prove its case? Group Exercise on charging
#10 September 30	Reading: Hemmens Chapter 5-Prosecutors Discussion: Plea Negotiations-What is this case worth? Group Exercise on settling
#11 October 5	Test #1

- #12 October 7 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 6-Defense Attorneys
 Discussion: What is the *real* job of the Defense Attorney?
 Guest Speaker-Bryan Barrett-Criminal Defense Attorney
 Students required to have 3 questions prepared to ask Mr. Barrett
- #13 October 12 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 6-Defense Attorneys
 Discussion: Proving Innocence?
 Group Exercise on Defense Theory
- #14 October 14- Reading: Hemmens Chapter 7-Judges
 Discussion: The Traffic Cop of the Court
 Guest Speaker-The Honorable Brian D. Hill, Judge, Rush Superior Court
 Students required to have 3 questions prepared to ask Judge Hill
- #15 October 19 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 7-Judges
 Discussion: Mid Terms and Final Project Synopsis
 Group Project on decision making
- #16 October 21 Mid Term Paper and Final Project Synopsis Due
 In-Class presentation of Project plans.
- #17 October 26- Reading: Hemmens Chapter 8-Jury
 Discussion: Picking a jury
 Group Exercise on Jury Selection
- #18 October 28 Tour of the Indiana State Police Laboratory-Indianapolis, IN
- #19 November 2 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 8-Jury
 Discussion: Jury Instructions, Jury Reform
 Group Exercise on Deliberation
- #20 November 4 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 9-pre-trial procedure
 Discussion: Arrest, Preliminary hearing, discovery
- #21 November 9 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 9-pre-trial procedure
 Discussion: Suppression
- #22 November 11 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 9-pre-trial procedure
 Discussion: Rules of Evidence
 Group Exercise on Evidence
- #23 November 16 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 10-Criminal Trial
 Discussion: Victims, Witnesses, Exhibits
- #24 November 18 Test #2
- #25 November 23 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 10-Criminal Trial
 Discussion: Deliberation and Verdict
- November 25- Thanksgiving Break. No class.

- #26 November 30 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 11-Sentencing
Discussion: Defendant's Rights
Group Exercise on Sentencing
- #27 December 2 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 11-Sentencing
Discussion: Defendant's Rights
- #27 December 2 Reading: Hemmens Chapter 13-Specialized Courts
Discussion: Delinquency Law
- #28 December 7 Review
- #29 December 9 Review
- #30 December 16th Final Project Due by 5:00 p.m.