

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix and Number:** CJUS 291

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Title:** Criminal Evidence and Procedure

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Textbook:** Del Carmen. *Criminal Procedures – Law and Practice*. Cengage Publishing. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor’s course information syllabus.)

**Course Description:** This course presents an introduction to the court system and the criminal justice process. Specifically, the rules of evidence, required proof, and the Exclusionary Rule will be explained and expanded. The rules of proper search and seizure of persons and property will be clearly defined as well as properly identifying suspects, obtaining confessions and admissions of crime, and collecting and preserving evidence. Lastly, the constitutional rights of the accused and the consequences of police misconduct involving liability issues will round out the structure of this course.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course the student will:

- A. analyze the basic functions of the criminal justice system;
- B. explain levels of proof and the Exclusionary Rule;
- C. describe proper searches and seizures of property;
- D. describe how to properly identify suspects and obtain confessions, and admissions for trial preparation;
- E. specify the basis for constitutional rights and the consequences of police misconduct.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

- 1. identify and discuss the processes, functions, and structures of the criminal justice system; (A)
- 2. outline the development of rules of evidence; (A) (B)
- 3. identify and describe the rules and procedures that pertain to collecting and preserving evidence; (B) (C)
- 4. describe procedures for the proper presentation of evidence in court; (B)
- 5. identify and list the rules governing admissibility of evidence at a trial. (C) (D)
- 6. identify and summarize the defendant’s constitutional rights within a fair trial process; (D)
- 7. recall and paraphrase the issues involving failure by justice professionals to adhere to proper legal procedure. (E)

**Course Requirements:** The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: regular and prompt class attendance reflected in class roll; read assigned text and outside material; successful completion of administered examinations; demonstration of an understanding of the subject matter; an understanding of which law or laws to use under different circumstances; active participation in classroom or online discussions.

*In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor's section syllabus.*

**Course Grading Scale:**

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 59% or below

**Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at <http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html>

**Course Fees:** None

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