Bemidji State University

CRJS 3360: Criminal Procedure and Evidence

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3  
Lecture Hours/Week: *.*  
Lab Hours/Week: *.*  
OJT Hours/Week: *.*  
Prerequisites: None  
Corequisites: None  
MnTC Goals: None  

This course focuses on the rights of the criminally accused, primarily those involved in the pre-trial stages of the criminal process. The Bill of Rights as it pertains to the criminally accused will be examined. The rules of evidence defining the types and use of criminal evidence allowed in court will also be addressed in this course. Prerequisites: CRJS 1120 or consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/22/2016 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th Amendments  
2. Arrests & Jail  
3. Crime Scene Evidence & Experiments  
4. Developing Law of Search & Seizure  
5. Direct and Circumstantial Evidence  
6. Documentary Evidence, Models, Maps & Diagrams  
7. Hearsay & its Exceptions  
8. Identification Procedures  
9. Preparing the Case for Court  
10. Privileged Communications  
11. Searches: Plain View, Consent, Vehicle & Administrative  
12. Self-Incrimination  
13. The Court Process  
14. Types of Evidence  
15. Witnesses

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. be able to recognize and apply the key principles of the rules of criminal procedure and evidence.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None
F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted