

Course Abstract

Course ID and Name: PLS 109, Criminal Law and Procedure

Department: Business and Computer Science

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Prerequisites: PLS-100, PLS-101, PLS-113, PLS-121

Co-requisites: PLS 121

Course Description:

A study of the elements of crime and the criminal procedure system before and after trial, and an analysis of the impact of the Constitution on crimes and criminal procedure.

Credits: 3

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Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Recognize and differentiate between civil and criminal law, including court rules and rules of evidence.
2. Describe the procedural steps from (alleged) commission of a crime, to trial, to appeal.
3. Explain the different categories of crimes, their degrees and sentencing.
4. List and explain basic constitutional principles as they apply to criminal procedure, including the differences between federal and (NJ) state constitutional protections.
5. Explain basic criminal motion (pre and post-trial) as well as possible defenses and need for experts.

Course Content Areas:

- Elements of crimes
- Defenses
- Criminal trial and sentencing