Course Number: LAW-1553
OCAS Code: None
Course Length: 15 Hours
Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
Career Pathway: Law Enforcement Services
Career Major(s): Criminal Justice Practical Law Enforcement

Pre-requisite(s): None

Course Description: The role of the judiciary in the criminal justice system. Areas of study include the structure of the Municipal, State, and Federal Court systems; Municipal vs. State venue for prosecution of offenders, the right to counsel, pretrial release, grand jury processes, the adjudication of crimes, rules of evidence, sentencing using Oklahoma statutes as illustrations and court testimony.

Textbooks: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Larry J. Siegel-Wadsworth (2009)

Course Objectives:
1. Describe a typical state court system and identify some of the differences between the state and federal court systems.¹
2. Describe prosecutorial discretion and plea bargaining.¹
3. Explain the structure of the federal court system and name and describe the various types of federal courts.¹
4. Describe the difference between Oklahoma Municipal and District courts.¹
5. Describe the courtroom work group and identify its members.¹
6. Identify the various stages of a criminal trial.¹
7. Describe the nature and purpose of the criminal trial.¹
8. List the four traditional sentencing options.¹
9. Describe the five goals of contemporary criminal sentencing.¹
10. Identify the arguments for and against capital punishment.¹
11. Identify how the investigator prepares for court.¹

¹ ODCTE Objective
Teaching Methods: The class will primarily be taught by the lecture and demonstration method and supported by various media materials to address various learning styles. There will be question and answer sessions over material covered in lecture and media presentations. Supervised lab time is provided for students to complete required projects.

Grading Procedures: 1. Students are graded on theory and lab practice and performance.
2. Each course must be passed with seventy (70%) percent or better.
3. Grading scale: A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=50-59%.
4. Career Major grades established during coursework are a major criteria in successfully obtaining certification.

Description of Classroom, Laboratories, and Equipment: Tulsa Technology Center campuses are owned and operated by Tulsa Technology Center School District No. 18. All programs provide students the opportunity to work with professionally certified instructors in modern, well-equipped facilities.

Available Certifications/College Credit: The student may be eligible to take state, national or industry exam after completion of the program. College credit may be issued from Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee or Tulsa Community College. See program counselor for additional information.

College Credit Eligibility: The student must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better.