

PLS 64 Course Outline as of Summer 2011**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: PLS 64 Title: THE AMERICAN JURY SYSTEM

Full Title: The American Jury System

Last Reviewed: 8/28/2017

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	1.00	Lab Scheduled	0	2	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	1.00		Contact Total	17.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 52.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
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CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Summer 2011	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:		Effective:		Inactive:
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CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Locate and report jury verdicts in anticipation of trial.
2. Create and utilize a jury chart.
3. Perform effectively and professionally with jury selection experts and counsel in the jury selection process.
4. Provide ongoing reports during trial and post-trial based on observation.

Topics and Scope:

1. Course Overview and Vocabulary
2. History:
 - a. Laws of William the Conqueror
 - b. Assize of Clarendon
 - c. Magna Carta
 - d. Declaration of Independence
 - e. U.S. Constitution
 - i. Bill of Rights
 - ii. 14th Amendment
3. Right to a Jury Trial:
 - a. Qualifications
 - b. Duncan v. Louisiana
4. Grand Juries:
 - a. Criminal
 - b. Civil
5. Petit Jury:
 - a. Voir Dire
 - i. Drafting jury questionnaires
 - ii. Submission of jury questions
 - iii. Mock juries

- iv. Jury consultants
- v. Challenges
- b. Death-Qualified Jury
- c. Jury Instructions
- d. Jury Deliberations
- e. Jury Verdicts
 - i. Jury nullification
- f. Juror Misconduct
- g. Juror Interviews
- h. The Jury Chart
- i. Jury Observation During Trial
- j. Post-Trial Interviews
- 6. Selected Notorious Trials
- 7. The Vanishing Jury Trial:
 - a. Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - b. Bench Trials
 - c. Limitations on Access

Assignment:

1. Research jury verdicts for assigned cases and report findings in writing and orally
2. Draft sample jury questions based on fact pattern presented
3. Create a jury chart
4. Participate in group work and class discussions
5. 1-2 quizzes

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Report on jury verdicts, draft jury questions	Writing 20 - 30%
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Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Report on jury verdicts, draft jury questions, jury chart	Problem solving 30 - 50%
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Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None	Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%
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Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes	Exams 15 - 20%
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Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation and group work

Other Category
15 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

The American Jury System. Jonakait, Randolph. Yale University Press: 2006

Instructor Prepared Materials