Course No.: LA 219  
Course Title: The Criminal Process  
Instructor: Michael C. Beegle  
Term Dates: 09/26/2012 – 12/05/2012  
Class Time: Wednesday – 1730 - 2030  
Site: SCC, Bldg. 1; Room 1217

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:
A three quarter credit class which introduces the student to the essentials of the American criminal justice system, law & procedure. In this class the student will learn the constitutional foundations for this system, the structure of criminal law, the core components of criminal procedure, as well as becoming familiar with the pleadings and unique features of Washington State criminal procedure.

II. GOAL:
The students will learn, upon being given a specific or a general fact pattern containing a legal issue, to recognize substantive and procedural issues relating to the criminal process and to correctly identify the issues and the applicable rules.

III. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
Students will learn the fundamentals of criminal law & procedure so that, as paralegals, they will be able to accurately communicate to their employer/attorneys the current state of the law with respect to an assigned or implied legal issue.

IV. COURSE ARRANGEMENTS:
The class will consist of students’ written analysis of assigned issues as well as oral presentations on an assigned topic. There will be written projects to be completed, both in class and away from class. References to and reliance on Federal, State and regional reporters as well as on-line services will be common.

V. REQUIRED LITERACIES:

Critical Literacy: Students will, from a set of given facts, formulate the appropriate legal issue and know or be able to research applicable legal materials to determine the rules governing the issue

Civic Literacy: Students will understand the interrelationship between legislative, judicial and executive authority as well as case law.

VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Students are to read all assigned material, including handouts & supplements, as well as to use the resources in IV, supra, to prepare for presentation of assigned materials. There will be no examinations, grades will be based on the cumulative score of in-class and assigned projects.
VII. **COURSE TEXTS:**

A. Gilbert Law Summaries, Criminal Procedure, 18th Ed., Marcus & Wilson, Thomson-West, (Copyright—most current edition), *(This will be referred to as “Crim Pro” in the assignments below.)*

B. Gilbert Law Summaries, Criminal Law, 18th Ed., Dix, Thomson-West, (Copyright—most current edition), *(This will be referred to as “Crim Law” in the assignments below.)*

VIII. **CLASS MEETING SCHEDULE:**

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IX. **CLASS POLICIES:**

Attend class. Excused absences must be arranged in advance if at all possible.
Excused Absences: Recognizing that students in this program are, for the most part, working parents, I realize things come up which necessitate an occasional absence. If you must be absent, you will file a motion for Order of Excused Absence with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance (filing may be done by personal service, fax, e-mail or mail). A Motion will not be considered to be filed unless the instructor has personally received the Motion at least 24 hours prior to the class from which the student wishes to be excused. The motion will be in the format provided with this syllabus. It will typed or printed (not hand written!), will identify the student as the petitioner, will provide a brief and thorough reason for the necessity for the excused absence and will be signed by the student. (A sample is provided on pages 4 and 5.)

Participate in class. Be prepared. Class participation (oral and written presentations) will constitute a significant portion of your grade. Content, Analysis and Expression will be noted.

Pay attention to the details. In criminal law, cases are won or lost in the details. Get used to thoroughness. Although this is not a writing class, spelling and grammar count. Invest in a dictionary. Divest yourself of the thesaurus. Bring pen & paper to class; we will be writing frequently.

Academic Honesty. Don’t cheat or plagiarize. There is an SCC Code of Conduct for faculty and students; I expect everyone to adhere to it and to anticipate its enforcement.

X. GRADING POLICY:

Examinations 75%; Class Participation 25%

Grades based on points and relative standing in class.

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

XI. ACCESS TO PROFESSOR:

My office is at W. 1309 Dean Ave. in Spokane. My number is 327-7080; fax is 323-1858; e-mail is beeglemichaelc@qwestoffice.net. Feel free to call. You may get my answering machine. If I am in, I will answer; if not, please leave a message with a number at which I can reach you, either work and home (or both). I will endeavor to return all calls and e-mail from students in a timely manner. I will to come in early or stay late if requested; let me know your needs so we may work together in getting you the maximum benefit from this course.
IN THE CLASS OF CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE
COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

TO: Michael C. Beegle, Instructor

THE PETITIONER, ________________, moves the Class for an Order Excusing the Petitioner from attending the class on ________________. This motion is based on the files and records herein and on the attached declaration (and exhibits, if applicable) of the Petitioner.

Signed this ___ day of ______________, 20__.

____________________________________
Petitioner
DECLARATION OF PETITIONER

____________________________ avers and declares that the following is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

I am the petitioner in this matter. I am unable to attend class on _____________ for the following reason. (Give a brief but thorough reason. Corroboration attached as exhibits will be helpful, e.g., appointment slips.)

Therefore, the petitioner respectfully moves the Class for an Order Excusing my Absence on that date.

Signed this ______ day of __________, 20__.

____________________________________
Petitioner

ORDER:

The Petitioner=s Motion is _________________.

Signed this _____ day of __________, 20__

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Instructor