



LAW 529-3 (Section 2)

Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial

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Southern Illinois University School of Law

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Class Meetings: Monday / Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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Course Description

This course examines the constitutional and statutory framework governing the criminal justice process from investigation through trial. Using *Criminal Procedure: Cases and Materials*, 3rd edition, by Cynthia Lee and Song Richardson, students will examine how the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments shape law enforcement practices, prosecutorial discretion, and defendants' rights. Emphasis will be placed on striking a balance between effective policing and individual liberty and equality under the law.

Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze constitutional protections related to search, seizure, interrogation, and counsel.
2. Evaluate Supreme Court precedent shaping criminal justice procedure.
3. Apply criminal procedure doctrines to factual scenarios.
4. Examine the intersection of race, bias, and policing as this relates to building professional identity, bias, cross-cultural competency, and anti-racism.
5. Develop oral advocacy and analytical writing skills through class discussions and exercises.

Required Text

- **Cynthia Lee & Song Richardson**, *Criminal Procedure: Cases and Materials* (3rd edition).
- **Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure** (latest version).
- Selected supplemental readings (posted to D2L).

Assessment

- Class Participation & Discussion: 10%
- Midterm Exam: 30%
- Final Exam: 60%

Class Policies

- Attendance is mandatory; more than two unexcused absences may affect your grade. I give credit for class participation; when you are absent, you cannot participate.
- Laptops are permitted for note-taking and research only.
- Students must come prepared to discuss all assigned cases and problems.
- If you come to class late, you will be asked to leave/not given credit for attendance.
- Respectful, inclusive discussion is expected at all times.

Course Outline: 27 Class Meetings*

Class 1	1/12/26	1-44	Class 15	3/4/26	600-642
Class 2	1/14/26	44-88	Class 16	3/16/26	642-683
Class 3	1/21/26	90-131	Class 17	3/18/26	683-725
Class 4	1/26/26	133-174	Class 18	3/23/26	725-762
Class 5	1/28/26	175-211	Class 19	3/25/26	763-801
Class 6	2/2/26	212-254	Class 20	3/30/26	804-845
Class 7	2/4/26	255-299	Class 21	4/1/26	845-882
Class 8	2/9/26	299-349	Class 22	4/6/26	883-917
Class 9	2/11/26	351-392	Class 23	4/8/26	917-949
Class 10	2/16/26	392-431	Class 24	4/13/26	949-986
Class 11	2/18/26	432-476	Class 25	4/15/26	987-1032
Class 12	2/23/26	478-513	Class 26	4/20/26	1033-1049
Class 13	2/25/26	513-559			
Class 14	3/2/26	559-600	Class 27	4/22/26	REVIEW

*One class must be completed to meet the ABA requirements. You will be assigned to watch the film *13th* by Ava DuVernay. It is free to watch online. It is mandatory to watch, but you have until the end of the semester to do so.

These constitute **the majority of the Criminal Procedure content** on the bar exam. This does not preclude testing in other areas.

- **Fourth Amendment (search, seizure, warrants, exceptions)**
- **Exclusionary rule & fruits**
- **Miranda, interrogation, voluntariness**
- **Right to counsel & identification procedures**
- **Plea bargaining**
- **Double jeopardy**
- **Trial rights (jury selection, fair trial)**
- **Sentencing**
- **Technology & privacy (Riley / Carpenter)**

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