

Course Syllabus

Salt Lake Community College

CJ 2350: Laws of Evidence

Spring 2019

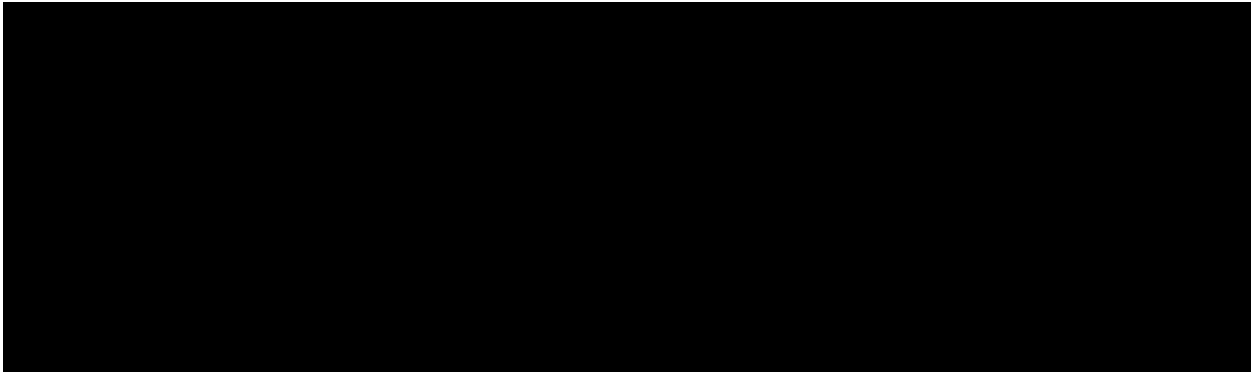
Start Date: January 7, 2019

End Date: May 2, 2019

Time: Online

Room: Online

Credits: 3



Spring 2019 Important Dates

Classes Begin	January 7
Residency Deadline Date	January 15
Last Day to Add Classes (Waitlist ends)	January 15
Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)	January 21
Tuition Due Date	January 23

Payment Plan Application Deadline w/ ¼ Down	January 31
Payment Plan Application Deadline w/ ½ Down	February 10
Last Day to Drop Classes with 100% Refund (No refunds or adjustments after this date)	January 28
Presidents Day (No Classes)	February 18
Spring Break	March 18 – 23
Last Day to Withdraw (No Refunds)	March 12
Last Day of Classes	April 25
Final Exams	April 29 – May 2
Grades Available	May 8

Course Description

This course teaches students the purpose of the rules of evidence and how to apply the rules of evidence in a trial setting. Students will learn how to apply various rules of evidence related to hearsay, qualifying as a witness, authentication, relevance, and privileges against testifying. Students will analyze mock scenarios to determine if evidence would be admissible at trial.

Course Prerequisites

- CJ 1010: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 1330: Criminal Law

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Students will summarize various rules of evidence.
2. Students will compare and contrast rules of evidence from different jurisdictions.
3. Students will analyze mock scenarios to determine if evidence would be admissible at trial.

Required Material

Garland, N. (2015). *Criminal Evidence*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

Computer with Internet Access

Use of Canvas

You are required to use Canvas in this course. The [Modules](#) section of Canvas (see left-hand side of the screen) will guide you through this class from week to week.

Sometimes there are technical quirks with Canvas. Students that use Google Chrome seem to have the least amount of technical problems. (Click [here](#) for more information about basic computer specifications for using Canvas.)

The Canvas Support Hotline is (844) 334-0397. They can assist if you are having technical issues (i.e., your computer froze on you and you were unable to submit an assignment). There is also a Help function on the left-hand side of Canvas with other options such as a chat function.

Minimum Technical Skills

- Must be able to Navigate Canvas
 - I've provided some [links](#) to videos that may help you navigate Canvas
- Must be able to navigate the reading material for this course through the McGraw Hill website (which has been embedded into this Canvas course).
- Must be able to format and submit typed material in Microsoft Word (or other word processors recognized by Canvas)

Individual Counseling

Please send me a message in Canvas, or visit me during my office hours, anytime that you have questions about the course material.

Response Time and Feedback

General Questions

- For general questions (i.e., clarification about an assignment, clarification about the assignment's due date), expect to receive a response the following **business day**.
 - Do not expect a response on non-business days (Saturdays, Sundays, holidays).

Grading Assignments

- Generally, I will wait until the deadline of an assignment has passed before grading that assignment for the course. Grading may take up to **three business days** after the deadline for the assignment has passed.
 - The further ahead that you get in class, the longer you will have to wait to receive feedback, since I grade assignments after the due date has passed.

Grading

All assignments have been published and are accessible in the Assignments section of Canvas. All assignments have point values assigned to them, which are accessible to you. However, the weight of an assignment is relative to the category in which the assignment resides.

Quizzes (LearnSmart): 25%

Chapter Discussions: 25%

Visit to a Court: 10%

Researching Rules of Evidence: 20%

Final Exam: 20%

Grading Scale

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62

Anything below a score of 60 is a failing grade.

SLCC Mission, Vision, and Values

MISSION

Salt Lake Community College is your community college. We engage and support students in educational pathways leading to successful transfer and meaningful employment.

VISION

Salt Lake Community College will be a model for inclusive and transformative education, strengthening the communities we serve through the success of our students.

VALUES

We don't just state our values; we live them through dedicated, collective effort. Our values ground our future endeavors and help us realize our mission of being an open-access, comprehensive community college committed to the transfer education and workforce needs of our students.

- *Collaboration*

- *Community*
- *Inclusivity*
- *Learning*
- *Innovation*
- *Integrity*
- *Trust*

Incomplete Policy

Contact me if the last day to withdrawal has already passed and circumstances beyond your control prevent you from successfully completing this course. This course will follow Salt Lake Community College's Incomplete policy. More information is available [here](#).

Late Work

Assignments can be turned in up to one week late without the loss of credit. After one week, the assignments lock out and submissions cannot be made. If you have extenuating circumstances, you must coordinate with me prior to the assignment locking out.

- The exception to this rule is that no assignments will be accepted after May 2. Therefore, classwork due on May 2 cannot be turned in late.

Extra Credit

There are numerous extra credit opportunities available in this course. I have created an Extra Credit module. It is located at the very bottom of modules section in this section. All extra credit opportunities will be located there (among other places, such as the Assignments tab).

Student Code of Conduct

All students are expected to follow the SLCC Student Code of Conduct found [here](#).

Plagiarism may result in a failure of this course. Be very careful to give proper credit (such as the use of quotations) to work that is not your own!

Course Schedule, Assignments, and Activities

Week	Reading Material	Assignments and Activities
Week 1	Chapter 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 1 Quiz and Discussion
Week 2	Chapter 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 2 Quiz and Discussion
Week 3	Chapter 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 3 Quiz and Discussion
Week 4	Chapter 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 4 Quiz and Discussion• Researching Rules of Evidence Assignment Due
Week 5	Chapter 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 5 Quiz and Discussion
Week 6	Chapter 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 6 Quiz and Discussion
Week 7	Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 7 Quiz and Discussion
Week 8	Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 8 Quiz and Discussion
Week 9	Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 9 Quiz and Discussion
Week 10	Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 10 Quiz and Discussion• Visit to a Court Assignment due
Week 11	Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 11 Quiz and Discussion

Week 12	Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 12 Quiz and Discussion
Week 13	Chapter 813	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 13 Quiz and Discussion
Week 14	Chapter 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 14 Quiz and Discussion
Week 15	Chapter 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 15 Quiz and Discussion
Week 16	Review All Previous Material	Final Exam Prep (ungraded quiz)
Final Exam Week	None	Final Exam