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OFFICE HOURS: 1 HOUR FOLLOWING EACH SCHEDULED CLASS OR BY APPOINTMENT

Specific areas of study will include [but are not limited to] pretrial practices, dispute resolution, appellate work. The course will introduce students to the litigation process in state and federal courts. The course examines [but is not limited to] jurisdiction and venue, the persons that are active within the system, civil litigation, criminal litigation, the role of law enforcement within the criminal setting, specialized courts, appellate litigation, the use of technology in the courtroom, the use of social media within the systems, Louisiana politics, and other issues related to the legal system. Additionally, students will participate in

classroom discussions, and participate in class. Students are responsible to know the LSU attendance policy.

Respectful behavior is expected at all times. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Children are not permitted in the academic classrooms. No food will be allowed in class. Class begins promptly at 5:00 p.m. The door[s] will be closed by 5:10 p.m. Thereafter, entry into class may be made only during a break. There will be two [2] ten minute breaks during this class unless notified differently.

The use of a recording device will serve as the basis for immediate removal from the class. Students will not be given any credit/score for work produced in association with recording devices. The instructor reserves the right to have someone stand in for said instructor should extraordinary circumstances exist preventing the instructor's presence in the classroom for a specific class.

Cheating and Plagiarism [in any form] will not be tolerated. In

TOTAL POINTS

320 TOTAL POINTS [no curve]

**bonus points []
points]

[5-15 per assignment; added to total semester

There will be during the semester. The exams will consist of short answer, true/false, multiple choice, and essay questions. The format of the exam may be modified at the discretion of the instructor. Makeup examinations may be allowed based solely upon the discretion of the instructor and only for those absences necessitated by a legitimate, documented medical emergency. Makeup examinations may vary in format and will be administered at the discretion of the instructor.

will be due prior to the taking of examinations [refer to attached tentative class schedule]. is based on regular [punctual] attendance, preparation, the student's classroom discussion and is discretionary with the instructor. Classroom participation is an important element within your grade. Students are reminded that just showing up for class is not sufficient for earning full credit for class participation.

may be awarded during the semester based upon bonus projects. The decision to administer [or not] bonus projects is a discretionary choice made by the instructor. Students must be present in class at the time of the bonus assignment to receive bonus points. Various handouts may be provided throughout the semester. All materials are intended to complement [not duplicate] each other. Thus, some of what you read may not be discussed in class and some of the lecture material may go beyond what you read. Each student is responsible for material. The exams will cover materials from lectures, reading, handouts, and guest speakers.

In conjunction with LSU policy, a 'plus/minus' grading scale will be utilized in this class relative to course grades. Any questions regarding specific school policy in this matter should be addressed through the LSU Registrar's Office.

A+ = 320-310

A = 309-299

may be subject to change. Changes will be announced in class. You are required to keep this syllabus and refer to it during the semester. You are responsible for all material/data/information presented in this class and all information contained within the class syllabus.

Lawrence Baum, 2001. American Courts; Process and Policy*

Lawrence Baum, 2004. The Supreme Court*

*students are expected to utilize the most recent editions

January 10, 2019	Class introduction/orientation	
January 17, 2019	Fundamental Principles of Law	[A.C.] ch. 1
January 24, 2019	The Organization of Our Legal System [1];	[A.C.] ch. 2
January 31, 2019	Lawyers as Advocates;	[A.C.] ch. 3
February 7, 2019	Judges as Impartial Magistrates;	[A.C.] ch. 6
February 14, 2019	Civil Courts	[A.C.] chs. 4 & 5
February 21, 2019	Law enforcement and the courts	***

March 7, 2019	Criminal Courts	[A.C.] ch. 7
March 14, 2019	Specialized Courts	***
March 21, 2019	Appellate Courts/Supreme Courts	[A.C.] chs. 8 & 9 [S.C.]chs. 4, 5, 6
March 28, 2019	La. Politics; Social Media	***
April 4, 2019	VCU	***
April 11, 2019		***
April 18, 2019	NO CLASS; _____	
April 25, 2019	TBD	
May 2, 2019	FINAL EXAM 8-10 PM	