



**TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE-MASTER SYLLABUS**

The Administrative- Master Syllabus is an administrative tool; it is **not intended to be distributed to students**. It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the faculty of TVCC, regardless of who teaches the course, the timeframe by which it is instructed, or the instructional method by which the course is delivered. It is not intended to restrict the manner by which an individual faculty member teaches the course but to be an administrative tool to aid in the improvement of instruction. The Administrative-Master Syllabus will demonstrate that there is consistency and comparability in course offerings.

**Course Title**

Courts and Criminal Procedures

**Course Prefix and Number**

CRIJ 1306

**Department – Division**

Criminal Justice/Vocational and Technical Division

**Course Type** – select from one of the following categories.

- **Academic General Education Course** (from ACGM – but not in TVCC Core)
- **Academic TVCC Core Course**
- **WECM Courses**

**Semester Credit Hours: Lecture Hours: Lab/other hours**

Semester Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/Other* Hours
3	3	0

Other hours include practicum, clinical or other types of non-lecture instruction. \*If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Course Catalog Description**

The judiciary in the criminal justice system; structure of American court system; protection; right to counsel; pre-trial release; grand juries; adjudication process; types and rules of evidence; sentencing.

## **Prerequisites/co requisites**

None

## **Topical Outline**

Outline:

The Court System and Rights  
Overview of the Criminal Justice System  
Probable Cause and Reasonable Suspicion  
Exclusionary Rule  
Stop and Frisk  
Arrests  
Search and Seizures of Things  
Vehicle Stops and Searches  
Plain View, Etc.  
Lineups, Etc.  
Confessions and Admissions  
Constitutional Rights  
Civil Lawsuits against the Police

## **Course Learning Outcomes**

The student will understand the Constitution as it applies to law enforcement.  
The student will understand the court system.  
The student will understand the rules of evidence that pertain to criminal investigation and case preparation.  
The student will understand the precedent setting Supreme Court Decisions.  
The student will understand the rules of search and seizure.  
The student will understand the rules of arrest.  
The student will understand the interrogation.  
The student will understand police liability.

**Relationship to General Education Outcomes** – In addition to the core competencies, Trinity Valley Community College has established ten general education goals which specify knowledge and skills that students should gain from completing courses in the various component areas of the core curriculum. Information regarding curriculum and assessment as a means for the improvement of student learning through the general education component. (Select all that apply.)

Mark with an "X"	General Education Outcome
X	A. To communicate clearly and effectively in both oral and written English.
	B. To improve reading skills focused on comprehending, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating printed materials.
	C. To understand mathematical information and utilize mathematical skills.
X	D. To demonstrate qualitative and quantitative critical thinking skills.
X	E. To understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic diversity.
X	F. To utilize computer based technology in accessing information, solving problems, and communicating.
	G. To recognize and evaluate artistic achievements in the visual and performing arts.
X	H. To improve basic understanding of political, economic, and social systems.
	I. To demonstrate knowledge of the physical universe and living systems.
	J. To develop skills and strategies to become an engaged learner.

**Required Text(s)**

*Criminal Procedure / Law and Practice*, Rolando V. Del Carmen, Thomson/Wadsworth, Current Edition .

**Optional Text(s)**

none

**Material/Technology to be supplied by the student.**

Note taking materials.

**Course Requirements/Grading System** – describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course; not intended to restrict the individual nature by which each faculty member who teaches the course determines course requirements and final student performance, but should offer consistency within reason for all sections taught for those departments without a standardized format.

Do all assigned readings and related homework. Take all tests at the time-scheduled time for the exam.

***Approvals – the contents of this document have been reviewed and are found to be accurate.***

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