

**Common Course Outline**  
**CRJU 220**  
**Criminal Justice Procedure and Evidence**  
**3 Semester Hours**

The Community College of Baltimore County

**Description**

**Criminal Justice Procedure and Evidence**

Examines the principles and techniques employed to determine the admissibility of physical and testimonial evidence at trials; emphasizes laws and court decisions which relate to admissibility.

**Overall Course Objectives**

At the completion of this course the student will be able to:

- identify essential elements of civil and criminal law
- distinguish between substantive and procedural law
- recall the functions of each of the criminal justice system
- analyze stages of the criminal process
- recognize search and seizure protection provided by the fourth amendment
- discuss the exclusionary rule
- outline the procedures for arrest, detention and other police-citizen encounter
- state regulations regarding interrogation and confession
- indicate elements of the pretrial process
- discuss the steps of the criminal trial process
- recall the contemporary forms of punishment and sentencing alternatives
- identify the process of the appellate process

**Major Topics**

- I. Fundamentals of criminal law and procedure
  - A. Civil and criminal law
  - B. Substantive and procedural law
  - C. Constitutional limitations
  - D. Criminal punishment
- II. Organization of the criminal justice system
  - A. Components of the criminal justice system
  - B. Stages of the criminal process
- III. Search and Seizure
  - A. Historical background
  - B. The fourth amendment
  - C. The exclusionary rule
- IV. Arrest, Interrogation and Identification
  - A. Arrest, detention, and citizen-police encounters
  - B. Interrogations and confessions
  - C. Identification procedures
- V. The Pretrial Process

- A. Initial court appearance
- B. Motions, release and detention
- C. Jurisdiction and venue
- D. Right to a speedy trial
- VI. The Criminal Trial
  - A. Types of trial
  - B. Rules of evidence
  - C. Trial process
- VII. Sentencing and Punishment
  - A. Forms of criminal punishment
  - B. Rights of offenders and victims
  - C. The sentencing stage
- VIII. Appeal and Postconviction relief
  - A. Appellate process
  - B. Nonjudicial remedies available to convicted offenders
  - C. Postconviction relief

### **Course requirements**

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Written Assignments
- Tests/quizzes
- Attendance and participation

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a Criminal Justice elective course. It is taught in the classroom using a variety of instructional techniques, which are intended to meet the varied learning styles of our diverse population. These strategies rely on positive interdependence on a cooperative learning environment. Individual accountability is a key of these strategies.