

CLASS INFORMATION

EVIDENCE, SECTION A
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SPRING 2012
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Monday 4 – 5:10
Tuesday 4 – 5:10
Wednesday 4 – 5:10
Room 180

TEXT	Mueller & Kirkpatrick, <u>Evidence Under the Rules</u> (7th ed., Aspen Publishers 2011)
SUPPLEMENT -RULE-BOOK	Mueller & Kirkpatrick, <u>2011 Federal Rules of Evidence</u> (Aspen Publishers 2011)
ADDITIONAL MATERIALS	Provided from time to time during the semester, usually by email.
EXAMINATION	Extended hypothetical using multiple choice questions, and short answer questions dedicated to the rule against hearsay.
CLASS PARTICIPATION	I will divide the class into "Trial Teams" of about 4-6 students each. Each team will be subject to call at any time. Extraordinarily good class participation may (at my discretion) be recognized by an increase in final grade. Failure to be prepared without a PRIOR written excuse granted by me may (at my discretion) result in a reduction in grade or other penalty.
ATTENDANCE	You are permitted five class absences without notice or cause. Additional absences will be penalized (reduction of grade or removal from course, at my discretion) unless they are for good cause, determined by me; prior notice must be given, except in the case of an emergency.
LAPTOPS	Are permitted for use only in taking notes or other purposes directly related to class. Violation of this rule will result in a penalty, at my discretion. I reserve the right to ban the use of laptops either permanently or temporarily at any time during the semester.
ACADEMIC HONESTY	Violations of the Honor Code or the Student Conduct Code shall be prosecuted.
TAPING	Please do not tape any class without my prior authorization.
OFFICE HOURS	Tuesdays, 5:15-7:15 pm, or by appointment; Room 318.
DISABILITIES	Classroom accommodations are obtained through Students Affairs.

GENERAL SYLLABUS*

<u>WEEK (APPROX.)</u>	<u>TOPIC(S)</u>	<u>TEXTBOOK CHAPTER(S)</u>	
1	1/9-11	Introduction to Trial Process Orientation to Law of Evidence	1
		Relevance	2
2	1/16-17, 20	Relevance, continued	2
3 - 4	1/23-25 1/30-2/1	Defining Hearsay	3
5 - 7	2/6-8 2/13-15 2/20-22	Hearsay Exceptions Confrontation Clause	4
8	2/27-29	Special Rules of Relevance	5
SPRING BREAK MARCH 5 – 9			
9	3/12-14	Special Rules of Relevance, con't	5
10	3/19-21	Competency Testimonial Evidence	6 7
11	3/26-28	Testimonial Evidence, con't	7, 8
12-13	4/2-4 4/9-11	Expert & Scientific Evidence	9
14	4/16-18	Tangible Evidence	13, 14

* For a general description of the course content and the objectives of the course, see the course description provided on the Office of Student Affairs' website.