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Education & Training Plan

Criminal Law & Procedure Specialist Certificate Program with Externship Columbia Southern University (CSU)

Student Full Name: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

**Program includes National Certification & an Externship Opportunity
Mentor Supported**

Criminal Law & Procedure Specialist Certificate Program with Externship

Course Code: CSU-L-CRIM
Program Duration: 6 Months
Course Contact Hours: 375
Student Tuition: \$3,799

The Criminal Law & Procedure Specialist

Numerous crimes such as homicide, theft, and conspiracy make up the state and federal penal statutes by which the state prosecutes individuals for actions we've collectively decided are not acceptable to civil society. Likewise, criminal law addresses the various defenses available to individuals accused of committing such crimes such as self-defense and insanity and the way in which these defenses can be applied. At the core of criminal law, however, is the interpretation of a criminal statute ensuring that an individual cannot be convicted of a crime unless they are guilty of every element included in the statute. To ensure these prosecutions and enforcement are carried out in a way that does not threaten our individual liberties, Criminal Law and Procedure professionals work at the intersection between the criminal justice system and the United States Constitution.

The Criminal Law & Procedure Specialist Program

This program examines key provisions of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments as they apply to police investigation and interrogation as well as to the circumstances under which defendants are prosecuted. The program takes students through the often-controversial and complex procedures balancing individual rights against the protection of an entire citizenry. To this end, students will explore search and seizure of individuals or property, due process requirements for the accused and how these requirements have evolved over the last century through landmark cases interpreted by the US Supreme Court that produced Miranda rights, Terry stops and other common-place considerations that define criminal process. This program deals with both substantive criminal law and the legal procedures that govern its enforcement in order to safeguard individual liberties.

Education and National Certifications

- Students should have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.
- There are no state approval and/or state requirements associated with this program.
- There is a National Certification exam available to students who successfully complete this program:
 - **Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification Exam.**

Program Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

- Examine the criminal law judicial system
- Explain the criminal trial process
- Relate criminal law, criminal procedure, and the United States Constitution
- Classify criminal offenses
- Analyze crimes against the person, property, security, and against the state
- Analyze social crimes
- Create defense scenarios
- Analyze the ethical issues raised in the criminal justice process
- Examine the constitutional rights of the accused before arrest
- Examine the constitutional rights of the accused after arrest
- Examine the constitutional rights of the accused at trial
- Examine the constitutional rights of a convict
- Assess criminal law and procedure
- Use Microsoft Office

National Certification

Upon successful completion of this Columbia Southern University program, students would be eligible to sit for the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exam. Although there are no state approval, state registration or other state requirements for this program, students who complete this program at Columbia Southern University will be prepared and are eligible to sit for this national certification exam. Students who complete this program are encouraged to complete the externship option with their program. Students who complete this program can and do sit for the MOS national certification exams and are qualified, eligible and prepared to do so. Columbia Southern University works with each student to complete the exam application and register the student to take their national certification exam.

Externship / Hands on Training / Practicum

Although not a requirement, once students complete the program, they have the ability to participate in an externship and/or hands on practicum so as to practice the skills necessary to perform the job requirements of a professional in this field. Students will be assisted with completing a resume and/or other requirements necessary to work in this field. All students who complete this program are eligible to participate in an externship and will be placed with a participating organization near their location. Columbia Southern University works with national organizations and has the ability to place students in externship opportunities nationwide.

Columbia Southern University contact: If students have any questions regarding this program including national certification and externships, **they should call Laurie Coleman at 800.977.8449 x1840 or via email at laurie.coleman@columbiasouthern.edu.**

Note: No refunds can be issued after the start date published in your Financial Award document.



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OUR MISSION: Columbia Southern University provides diverse learning experiences and affordable, flexible distance education programs at the certificate, undergraduate, and graduate levels to a global student body, delivered by qualified, student-centered faculty committed to teaching and student learning. The University is dedicated to providing exceptional academic and student support services.

OUR VISION: The Vision of Columbia Southern University is to change and improve lives through higher education by enabling students to maximize their professional and personal potential.

The Continuing Education Department at Columbia Southern University is committed to a program of public service, outreach and continuing education by sharing resources with the workforce to enhance the intellectual capital of all those in need or desire lifelong learning and development. <http://www.columbiasouthern.edu/online-degree/continuing-education>



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The Criminal Law & Procedure Specialist Program Detailed Student Objectives:

PURPOSE AND SOURCES OF CRIMINAL LAW

- Describe English common law
- Explain the major theories of law and schools of jurisprudence
- Identify the sources of criminal law in the United States
- Distinguish criminal law from civil law
- Outline the U.S. judicial system
- Outline the investigation, arrest, and pretrial components of the criminal process
- Outline the process of a criminal case trial
- Describe the appeal phase of the criminal process
- Identify the conditions of serving a sentence
- Outline criminal procedure
- Summarize the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution
- Describe how the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution are evident in criminal law and procedure

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

- Identify types of computer systems used in a law office
- Describe how an act or omission may be a crime
- Describe *mens rea*
- Describe *actus reus*
- Describe causation of criminal offenses

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

- Define murder and its various degrees
- Explore examples of inchoate offenses
- Define manslaughter and its various types

OTHER CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

- Examine the variations of violence against the person
- Describe the elements of each variation of violence against the person

CRIMES AGAINST THE PROPERTY

- Explore rights associated with each type of property
- Examine theft and its classifications
- Define robbery
- Define burglary
- Define arson

CRIMES AGAINST SECURITY

- Define treason with respect to the provisions in the U.S. Constitution
- Explore terrorism with respect to the provisions of the Patriot Act of 2001
- Research the rights of a U.S. president during times of war or armed conflict

CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE

- Analyze the defenses for types and elements of perjury
- Summarize the elements of and defenses to bribery charges
- Research governmental controls to limit organizational corruption
- Research how protests become criminal behavior

SOCIAL CRIMES

- Examine the elements required to prosecute prostitution
- Define public indecency

- Describe the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on abortion
- Summarize the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on sodomy

COMMON LAW AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSES

- Outline defenses rooted in common law, statutory law, and the Constitution that are available to a criminal defendant
- Analyze a crime scenario using various sources of law
- Design a defense for a crime scenario using various sources of law

PARALEGAL ETHICS

- Examine how attorney-client privilege, husband-wife privilege, priest-penitent privilege, and patient-counselor privilege may create ethical challenges in a criminal case
- Research how conflict of interest impacts a criminal case
- Examine how confidentiality may create ethical challenges in a criminal case
- Explore how unauthorized practice of law is a crime
- Explore how zealous representation could impact a criminal case

RIGHTS BEFORE ARREST

- Explore the constitutional protection against unreasonable searches and seizures
- Explore why probable cause and sufficient proof are required to issue a search warrant
- Examine the exclusionary rule and how searches may be conducted without a warrant
- Describe the law on using technology for searches

ARREST AND INTERROGATION

- Research how the Miranda case impacts interrogation and confession guidelines during the arrest process
- Examine when physical evidence can be compelled from a defendant without violating the right against self-incrimination
- Explore the grand jury system

REPRESENTATION

- Distinguish an arraignment from a preliminary hearing
- Explore the right to counsel and the use of a public defender
- Describe the right to a speedy trial

TRIAL

- Analyze the provisions in the U.S. Constitution that require trial by jury in criminal cases
- Define jury
- Explain how members of a jury are selected
- Explore the impact of pretrial publicity on a jury
- Examine the intent of "beyond a reasonable doubt"

POST-CONVICTION RIGHTS

- List capital crimes
- Describe procedural safeguards required by the eighth amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- Research the law of appeals and post-conviction relief
- Examine the U.S. Supreme Court's position on life in prison for repeat offenders
- Research the criminal law and procedure of a case
- Analyze a criminal case for potential violations of constitutional rights
- Critique the criminal law and procedure used in a criminal case
- Summarize a criminal case

Note: This program can be completed in 6 months. However, students will have online access to this program for a 24-month period.

MICROSOFT OFFICE Module

- Use an integrated software package, specifically the applications included in the Microsoft Office suite
- Demonstrate marketable skills for enhanced employment opportunities
- Describe proper computer techniques for designing and producing various types of documents
- Demonstrate the common commands & techniques used in Windows desktop
- List the meaning of basic PC acronyms like MHz, MB, KB, HD and RAM
- Use WordPad and MSWord to create various types of documents
- Create headings and titles with Word Art
- Create and format spreadsheets, including the use of mathematical formulas
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of computer database functions, including putting, processing, querying and outputting data
- Define computer terminology in definition matching quizzes
- Use the Windows Paint program to alter graphics
- Use a presentation application to create a presentation with both text and graphics
- Copy data from one MS Office application to another application in the suite
- Use e-mail and the Internet to send Word and Excel file attachments
- Demonstrate how to use the Windows Taskbar and Windows Tooltips
- Explain how copyright laws pertain to data and graphics posted on the Internet
- Take the college computer competency test after course completion
- Follow oral and written directions and complete assignments when working under time limitations

Note: Although the Microsoft Office Module is not required to successfully complete this program, students interested in pursuing free Microsoft MOS certification may want to consider completing this Microsoft Office Module at no additional cost.

System Requirements:

Windows Users:

- Windows 8, 7, XP or Vista
- 56K modem or higher
- Soundcard & Speakers
- Firefox, Chrome or Microsoft Internet Explorer

Mac OS User:

- Mac OS X or higher (in classic mode)
- 56K modem or higher
- Soundcard & Speakers
- Apple Safari

iPad Users:

- Due to Flash limitations, eLearning programs are NOT compatible with iPads

Screen Resolution:

- We recommend setting your screen resolution to 1024 x 768 pixels.

Browser Requirements:

- System will support the two latest releases of each browser. When using older versions of a browser, users risk running into problems with the course software.
- Windows Users: Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Mac OS Users: Safari, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox

Suggested Plug-ins:

- Flash Player
- Real Player
- Adobe Reader
- Java