



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE
CRJ 220

Judicial Process

2020-2021

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PART I: COURSE INFORMATION

EFFECTIVE TERM: 2020-2021

COURSE PREFIX: CRJ 220

COURSE TITLE: Judicial Process

CONTACT HOURS: 3.0

CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

The course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the court systems and operation in the U.S., including both federal and State. The course generally exposes the student to the traditional procedures and processes found in all criminal courts and South Carolina in particular.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an overview of the law-making function of the courts, the growth of common law, the structure and organization of the courts, court processes and procedures involved in criminal and civil cases, and the question of reform for the administration of justice.

PREREQUISITES:

CRJ 120 Minimum with a C or better as a final grade

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Neubauer, D. W., & Fradella, H. F. (2017). *America's Courts and the Criminal Justice System*. Independence, KY: Cengage.

Please visit the Bookstore online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks. [BOOKSTORE](#).

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

CRJ 220 – Judicial Process does not have additional costs other than textbook, tuition, and fees.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

All criminal justice courses, whether traditional, hybrid, or online, require students to access the course in D2L through a personal computer. Therefore, students should have reliable access to a computer with

a dependable Internet connection to be successful in this course or any criminal justice course. Students will be required to access, download, or print material from the course in D2L, which is accessible through MyCourses and the student's WaveNet account. Students should pay particular attention to the course outline under Content as well as the course calendar. Students will be able to monitor grades and attendance through the course in D2L. Criminal justice courses, whether traditional, hybrid, or online, **require** students to complete some, if not all, course work – assignments, exams, and other activities - through an online environment in D2L. Traditional and hybrid require students to complete a portion of the required work online. The amount of online activity depends on the format of the course; therefore, students should pay particular attention to the course information and documents. Courses with an online component move very rapidly with graded requirements typically due each week. Students **must** be aware of the calendar and mindful of updates and announcements; therefore, a student **must** have access to a reliable computer and a dependable Internet connection. Criminal justice courses use D2L as a platform for course activities.

When having technology problems find another computer. Computers are open to students at numerous locations on all three campuses of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, including open computer labs and libraries. There are computers available for use in other public locations, including public libraries. A final option would be to contact a friend or relative to borrow a computer. When technology issues are related to the system (i.e., D2L and WaveNet), and not the result of a broken computer, you should contact TECH Central at (843) 349-8324 or https://www.hgtc.edu/admissions/student_information/index.html. Technology issues or technical problems are **not** an acceptable excuse should there be a course requirement that **must** be completed through D2L. When having difficulty with accessing the course or its components, or email function, it is a good idea to notify the course professor about the problem or difficulty.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

COURSE ETIQUETTE AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOR:

According to the Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System (3-2-106.1), there are numerous forms of academic misconduct including, but not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and fabrication of information (HGTC Catalog, 2020, p. 35).

Furthermore, as described under Section III, Student Conduct Regulations, inappropriate behavior can include but is not limited to (1) abuse of privilege of freedom of speech or assembly, (2) falsification of information and other acts intended to deceive, (3) actions which endanger students and the college community, (4) infringement of rights of others, and (5) other acts which call for discipline (HGTC Catalog, 2020, p. 35).

All criminal justice students are expected to conduct themselves in a **professional and ethical** manner at all times in word or action. The standards of professional and ethical behavior will be

enforced. Any violation associated with inappropriate behavior including but not limited to statements or remarks made in class, during internships, or through emails, postings including Facebook or social media sites, text messages, or other communications will **not** be tolerated.

At the discretion of the professor of record, academic misconduct or inappropriate behavior may be reported in writing as a violation of the Student Code under Section IV, which could result in disciplinary action (HGTC Catalog, 2020, p. 37).

All alleged acts of sexual violence or sexual harassment **must** be reported to the Title IX Coordinator or designee. Per the South Carolina Technical System Student Code Procedures for Addressing Alleged Acts of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (3-2-106.2), "students may also contact any responsible employee, who has an obligation to report any claim of sexual harassment or sexual assault to the Title IX Coordinator, or designee" (HGTC Catalog, 2020, p. 40).

PART II: STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENTS:

UNIT I – THE CRIME, ADVERSARIAL JUSTICE, AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS

- **Material Covered:** Read Chapters 1-4, pages 1-123 in Neubauer & Fradella (2017).
- **Student Outcome:** Describe and identify the major types of courts found in the U.S.
- **Student Outcome:** Describe and explain the importance of the adversary system.
- **Student Outcome:** Describe and identify the four primary types of jurisdiction: geographical, subject matter, personal, and hierarchical.
- **Student Outcome:** Outline the four layers of a typical state court system.
- **Student Outcome:** List the four primary problems confronting the lower courts in the United States.

- **Assessment:** Quiz #1
- **Assessment:** Quiz #2
- **Assessment:** Assignment #1
- **Assessment:** Exam #1 (Chapters 1-4)

UNIT II – THE DYNAMICS AND THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS

- **Material Covered:** Read Chapters 5-9, pages 124-259 in Neubauer & Fradella (2017).
- **Student Outcome:** Analyze the importance of assembly-line justice.
- **Student Outcome:** Discuss the two major characteristics of prosecutors in the United States.
- **Student Outcome:** Analyze the consequences of different methods of judicial selection.
- **Student Outcome:** Identify three types of programs that are designed to aid victims and witnesses in coping with the criminal justice process.

- **Assessment:** Quiz #3
- **Assessment:** Assignment #2
- **Assessment:** Assignment #3
- **Assessment:** Exam #2 (Chapters 5-9)

UNIT III – PRETRIAL AND TRIAL PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

- **Material Covered:** Read Chapters 10-13, pages 269-389 in Neubauer & Fradella (2017).
- **Student Outcome:** Analyze the importance of assembly-line justice.
- **Student Outcome:** Discuss the two major characteristics of prosecutors in the United States.
- **Student Outcome:** Analyze the consequences of different methods of judicial selection.
- **Student Outcome:** Identify three types of programs that are designed to aid victims and witnesses in coping with the criminal justice process.
- **Student Outcome:** Analyze and describe the scope of the right to a trial by jury in a criminal case.
- **Student Outcome:** Identify and describe the steps in a criminal trial.
- **Assessment:** Assignment #4
- **Assessment:** Quiz #4
- **Assessment:** Exam #3

UNIT IV – SENTENCING, APPEAL, AND JUVENILE COURTS

- **Material Covered:** Read Chapters 14-17, pages 390-521 in Neubauer & Fradella (2017).
- **Student Outcome:** Describe and differentiate the difference between the five major sentencing philosophies.
- **Student Outcome:** Describe how scholars approach the issue of racial discrimination differently than the public and the implications these differing approaches have for the conclusions reached.
- **Student Outcome:** Compare and contrast plain error, reversible error, and harmless error.
- **Student Outcome:** Identify and describe the five ways that juvenile courts differ from adult courts.
- **Assessment:** Assignment #5
- **Assessment:** Quiz #5
- **Assessment:** Courtroom Observation Project
- **Assessment:** Exam #4 (Final)

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts

are listed below.

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS:

EVALUATION*

Exams (3 X 75)	300 (30%)
Quizzes (5 X 50)	250 (25%)
Assignments (5 X 50)	250 (25%)
Court Observation Paper	<u>200 (20%)</u>
Total.....	1000 (20%)

GRADING SYSTEM:

State the College's or departmental grading system as delineated in the Catalog. Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean's approval if changes in the scale are made.

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, the student should speak with the course instructor and a financial aid counselor about the implications of withdrawing. Grades of D, F, W, WF, and Incomplete (I), will have a negative impact on a student's academic progress and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first five (5) days of the semester for full-term classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop (<http://www.hgtc.edu/academics/academiccalendars.html>). The student must attend at least one meeting in all classes enrolled during that period. If the student does not attend as described, he/she will be dropped from the course(s), which may reduce the financial aid received.

Part IV: Attendance

Students are responsible for all course work and class assignments; so, they are expected to regularly and promptly attend all meetings of classes in which they are enrolled. Students should limit absences to those that are unavoidable and, with the professor's consent, should make up all missed work, if permitted.

Per SC Technical College Policy, HGTC maintains a general attendance policy. The policy requires students to be present for a minimum of 80% of classes to be eligible to receive credit for any course. If a student is not in attendance for two consecutive weeks, they will be withdrawn from the course. Also, a more rigid attendance policy may be required by the program of study. At a minimum, a student may be withdrawn from a course after he/she has been absent in more than 10% of the total contact hours for a course. Professors define absentee limits for their classes at the beginning of each term. Up to the 2/3 point of the semester, any student who has been withdrawn from a course due to excessive absences will receive a grade of "W" (Withdraw). After the two-thirds point, a student will receive a

"W" if passing the course on the date last attended. If the student is failing the course on the date last attended, a grade of "WF" ("U" for developmental Studies courses). Students may be required to repay any source of financial assistance for non-attendance, excessive absences, or withdrawals (HGTC, 2019-2020, p. 52).

Attendance records begin the first day of class for ALL students, regardless of registration date.

Online and hybrid classes require attendance. Attendance is defined as the submission of or participation in an academic-related activity. An academic activity can include participation in a discussion forum, submission of assignment, or completion of an exam or quiz. Each instructor defines the method for students to indicate class attendance, and students are responsible for meeting the attendance requirements for each class.

This course is being offered in an online format, which requires each student to attend 100% in a virtual classroom. Therefore, this course has an attendance policy, which is as follows.

- ***Attendance will be determined through a student completing a graded requirement for each week. Weekly graded requirements, which are essential to student engagement, demonstrate participation. Weekly graded requirements include posting to a discussion, posting an assignment, submitting a term paper, or completing an exam or quiz.***
- ***Students can only miss 80% of the online activities or graded weekly requirements or two (2) weeks. After missing the maximum allowable absences, upon missing any additional meetings or online activity, the student will be withdrawn without further notification.***
- ***Any student missing two (2) weeks in a row will be withdrawn for excessive absences.***
- ***Missing graded requirements not only affect attendance but also result in the loss of points. Points are crucial for a satisfactory final grade, and absences can result in a grade being less than the required "C."***
- ***Again, after a student has missed the maximum allowable absences, upon missing any additional meetings or online activity, the student will be withdrawn without further notification.***

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Part V: Student Resources



The Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC)

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

- 1. Academic coaches** for most subject areas, **Writing Center Support**, and **college success skills**.
- 2. On-line student success and academic support resources.**

Visit the SSTC website: [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) and visit the student services tab in your WaveNet account to schedule appointments using TutorTrac. For more information, call: SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455 or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources any time.

TECH Central – Student Information Center



TECH Central provides quality enrollment and collegiate guidance for students, faculty, and staff. Services include phone, walk-in, and online technical support for technology training and troubleshooting. Additionally, we offer support in Office 365, Outlook E-mail setup, and ID cards.

Phone: 843-349-5340

Email: techcentral@hgtc.edu

Text: 843-357-8552

TECH Talk (Live Chat): Located on the “Home” tab in WaveNet.

Website: www.hgtc.edu/techcentral

Locations:

Conway Building 1100, Room 132D

Grand Strand Building 200, Room 136

Student Testing:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Further more tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through RPNOW, our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC’s Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

Disability Services:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to Beth Havens, Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus Jaime Davis, Counselor/Advisor on the Georgetown Campus or Kristin Griffin, Counselor on the Grand Strand Campus. These individuals will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

Statement of Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Statement

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Students and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs, Title IX Coordinator, Building 1100, Room 107A, Conway Campus, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5228, Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu. Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources, Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources, Section 504, Title II, and Title IX Coordinator, Building 200, Room 212A, Conway Campus, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5212, Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu.

Title IX Requirements

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator, or designee.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

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