

Course (Module) Syllabus

Course name	Foundations of US American Criminal Justice
Course code	N/A
Course status ^(Bachelors/Masters)	
ECTS	5
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Course objectives	To familiarize students with the American criminal justice system – with an emphasis on federal criminal law, and to compare/contrast with criminal justice in Georgia. Also improve practical skills of criminal trial lawyers in the areas of oral advocacy and legal writing using the United States experience as a model.
Course prerequisites	General Criminal Law
Course format	Lecture
Course substance	See the annex I
Assessment	
Compulsory literature	United States Constitution
Additional literature/other sources	Constitution of Georgia, United States Federal Criminal Code, United States Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Georgia Criminal Code, Georgia Criminal Procedure Code, Various opinions of case law from the United States and the ECHR
Teaching outcomes	
Teaching methods	Lecture, discussion, and practical exercises
Other prerequisites	

Lecture (topic)	Literature
1. Introduction to American Criminal Law and Procedure/Evolution of the American federal criminal justice system 2. Jury trials	U.S. Constitution U.S. Declaration of Independence Magna Carta (1215) Bible, Romans 13:1-6 CPC, Georgia
3. Criminal Procedure – 4 th Amendment. Search and seizure	U.S. Constitution – Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10) Case law as suggested the previous week CPC, Georgia
4. Criminal Procedure – 5 th Amendment. Voluntary statements and confessions	U.S. Constitution – Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10) Case law as suggested the previous week CPC, Georgia
5. Criminal Procedure – 6 th Amendment. Rights to attorney, confrontation, and speedy trial	U.S. Constitution – Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10) Case law as suggested the previous week CPC, Georgia
6. Legal Writing – IRAC and CREAC 7. Trial skills – Voir dire, Opening statements, Direct examinations, Cross examinations, Closing arguments	TBD
8. Substantive criminal law – Firearms and violent crime	United States Federal Criminal Code Georgia Criminal Code Case law as suggested the previous week
9. Substantive criminal law -- Drugs	United States Federal Criminal Code Georgia Criminal Code Case law as suggested the previous week
10. Substantive criminal law – White collar crime and corruption	United States Federal Criminal Code Georgia Criminal Code Case law as suggested the previous week
11. Legal ethics	TBD
12. Criminal Procedure – 8 th Amendment and the death penalty	U.S. Constitution – Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10)