

## **LAW311 Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence - 2**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 10 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

### **Synopsis:**

LAW311 Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence - 2 introduces students to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) from investigations to trial procedure in all courts. Students will also learn about the law of evidence as it applies in criminal cases. Here, because the liberty of the accused is at stake, the law has developed various exclusionary rules to protect the accused. LAW309 Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence is a companion course and is a co-requisite in the first instance. In this course, students explore the general principles of criminal law, criminal liability and culpability as well as the common defences before exploring the specific parts of the Penal Code including offences against the person, offences against property. In this way, the students will approach these subjects not as separate subjects to be studied at various stages of their training, but, will approach the subjects in an applied context where the student has to marry book learning with court rules and practice in order to arrive at a solution to a client's problems.

### **Topics:**

- Similar Fact Evidence
- Criminal Jurisdiction of State Courts
- Admissibility of Evidence in Criminal Trials
- Information to Police and Powers of Investigation
- Character Evidence
- Arrest, Bail Process and Compelling Attendance
- Corroboration
- Initiating Criminal Proceedings
- Judicial Discretion to Exclude Evidence
- The Charge
- Pre-Trial Procedures in the State Courts and the High Court
- Pre-Trial Procedures in all Courts and Plead Guilty Procedure
- Procedure in Criminal Trial in All Courts
- Proceedings in Court under the CPC

### **Learning Outcome:**

- Indicate the various sources of the relevant law, how it is made and developed; of the institutions within which that law is administered and the personnel who practice law
- Demonstrate understanding of legal concepts, values, principles and procedures of Singapore law and explain the relationship between them in a number of subject areas, as well as to apply them
- Analyse fact patterns to identify relevant issues of law, fact and procedure.
- Interpret the relevant rule of substantive law, procedure or evidence relevant to the issues identified
- Apply the relevant laws and principles to come to a conclusion on the issues
- Formulate an opinion, provide a solution and advise based on the conclusions
- Discuss critically, competing arguments in literature or in a group situation and make a reasoned choice between alternatives
- Examine ideas, concepts and arguments in the English language and legal terminology with care and accuracy
- Employ information technology in an office environment for the search for information, the preparation of documents and presentations

#### Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 3	15
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 4	15
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

\*The information listed is subject to review and change.