A. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

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B. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to expose students to the aspects of law. The goal is to enable students to understand the criminal justice system and its related processes in Thailand and USA. The specific course objectives include:
1. The student will be able to conduct basic legal research using printed and electronic resources.
2. The student will possess an understanding of the process of legal analysis and reasoning.
3. The student will possess the ability to prepare a legal-based scholarly paper using the appropriate citation format.
4. The student will possess an understanding of the relationship of the Constitution to the criminal justice system in Thailand and USA.

C. RESEARCH PAPER

Students are required to complete a research project due by December 15. The research paper must be in a legal standard format. The research topics will be discussed on the first day of the class.

D. CASE BRIEFS

Students are required to complete case briefs every week. And, students will present to the class and make a discussion.

E. GRADING

Final grades will be compiled based on the following scale:

- Case briefs 40 %
- Research Paper 40 %
Final Examination 20 %

F. REQUIRED TEXT AND READING ASSIGNMENTS


Kamisar, Yale, LaFave, Wayne R and Israel, Jerold H, *Modern Criminal Procedure: Cases, Comments and Questions* (9th ed, 1999)


G. COURSE SYLLABUS

**Week # 1 (November 3)**

- **Introduction to the course**
  - Overview of course content
  - The study of law (Thailand and USA: Civil Law and Common Law)
  - How to read and brief a case in Common Law System
  - A review of available legal resources in Thailand and USA

**Week # 2 (November 10)**

- **Constitution and the Criminal Justice in Thailand and USA**
  - Overview of U.S. Constitution
  - Structure of American Justice System
  - History of Thai Constitution
  - Thai Criminal Justice System

Case brief 1
Week # 3 (November 17)

**Scope of Fourth Amendment and Thai Constitution**
- Basic assumptions underlying the Fourth Amendment
- The nature of probable cause
- The provisions of 2007 Thai Constitution regarding rights and liberties

Case brief 2

Week # 4 (November 24)

**Law of Arrest (Thailand and USA)**
- The law of warrantless arrest and arrest warrants
- Temporary detention

Case brief 3

Week #5 (December 1)

**Law of Search and Seizure (Thailand and USA)**
- Defining “search”, “seizure” and “reasonable”
- Constitutional requirements for obtaining a search warrant
- Overview of protective type warrantless searches
- Overview of probable cause-based emergency searches without a warrant

Case brief 4

Week #6 (December 8)

**Judicial Process (Thailand and USA)**
- Judicial structure
- Right to counsel
- Components of a fair trial

Week # 7 (December 15)

Final Examination
Research Paper