COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PM 3170 – CRIMINAL LAW (3 cr.) – Provides an analysis of the nature and theories of law and the sustentative nature of common law and statutory law regarding criminal sanctions. Constitutional case law is a primary mode of analysis.

PM 3180 – CRIMINAL PROCEDURES (3 cr.)—The procedural aspects of criminal law pertaining to police powers in connection with the laws of arrest, search and seizure, the exclusionary rule, eavesdropping, confessions, and related decision-making factors.

PM 3200 – PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT (3 cr.)—Management in the public sector with a special focus upon the ways in which government employs a wide variety of disciplines in the implementation of public policy.

PM 4320 – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (3 cr.) – The procedural law of public agencies and the exercise of discretion and control through internal procedures and judicial review. Special emphasis in directed toward the legal environment of public administration and the impact of court decision on the administrative process.

SENERARIO

In each course, students are required to locate and retrieve appropriate cases for analysis using Westlaw (Campus Research) and/or LexisNexis Academic as the case law applies to the course topic. The librarian will facilitate the students to identify appropriate case law for their course. Students will learn the strengths and weaknesses of each legal database in order to best find the information needed. Students will learn how use the information at hand to locate appropriate case law from a variety of search strategies offered by either legal database.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES [a=audience, b=behavior, c=condition, d=accomplishment]

Following participation in an instruction session covering the use of Westlaw (Campus Research) [c], students [a], will show their ability to identify the appropriate search option and find the case/information needed [d] in order to show they are able to locate cases using Westlaw (Campus Research) [b].

Following participation in an instruction session covering the use of Lexis/Nexis Academic [c], students [a], will show their ability to identify the appropriate search option and find the case/information needed [d] in order to show they are able to locate cases using Lexis/Nexis Academic [b].

By correctly completing the exercises, “Exploring Westlaw” and “Exploring Lexis/Nexis,” using the appropriate database [d], the students [a], will demonstrate their understanding of the database [b] following the instruction session covering the database [c].

POSSIBLE ASSESSMENTS

Completed exercises in class.