

SYLLABUS AND CLASS PLAN FOR EVIDENCE

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- Course: Evidence
- Section: 11907
- Course: 5357
- Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm MW

Coursebook: Mueller, Kirkpatrick & Richter, *Evidence Under the Rules* (10th Edition), published by Aspen Publishing.

The course is designed to enable students to practice law in federal and Texas state courts, particularly regarding offering evidence to establish facts and objecting to an opponent's offer of evidence when the offer contravenes a rule of evidence. Civil and criminal case situations will be addressed. Federal and Texas state rules (largely the same) will be discussed where applicable.

The plan for the course appears below.

Use of AI: For this course the use of artificial intelligence sources is permitted.

Chap. 1: Evidence Law and the System

Chap. 2: Relevance

Chap. 5: Special Exclusions

Chap. 6: Competency of Witnesses.

Chap. 7: Direct and Cross Examination Revisited

Chap. 3: Hearsay. Introduction to Hearsay

Chap. 4 – hearsay admissibility exceptions

Chap. 8: Impeachment

Chap. 9: Opinion evidence

Chap. 11: Judicial Notice

Chap. 12: Privileges

Chap. 13: Authentication

Chap. 14: Best Evidence Rule

The university and the Law Center have a number of policies and services applicable to courses taught at the Law Center:

Counseling and Psychological Services

Counseling and Psychological Services “Let’s Talk” program (“CAPS”) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the , a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus.

The Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program ("TLAP") also supports law students who are dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and other mental health problems. You can reach TLAP at any time at 1-800-343-8527. TLAP's website includes a page with links to sources about mental health that are of interest to law students: <https://www.tlaphelps.org/law-students>.

Anti-Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policies

UHLC and the University of Houston are committed to maintaining and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from discrimination and sexual misconduct. If you have experienced an incident of discrimination or sexual misconduct, a confidential reporting process is available to you. For more information, please refer to the University System's Anti-Discrimination Policy SAM 01.D.07 Sexual Misconduct Policy SAM 01.D.08 and .

Please be aware that under the sexual misconduct policy, SAM 01.D.08, faculty and other University employees are required to report to the University any information received regarding sexual misconduct as defined in the policy. Due to this reporting requirement, faculty members and other employees are not a confidential resource. The reporting obligations under the sexual misconduct policy extends to alleged conduct by University employees and students.

Per the UHS Sexual Misconduct Policy, your instructor is a "responsible employee" for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and state law and must report incidents of sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, intimate partner violence, or stalking) about which they become aware to the Title IX office. Please know there are places on campus where you can make a report in confidence. You can find more information about resources on the Title IX website at <https://uh.edu/equal-opportunity/title-ix-sexual-misconduct/resources/>.

Reasonable Academic Adjustments/Auxiliary Aids

The University of Houston is committed to providing an academic environment and educational programs that are accessible for its students. Any student with a disability who is experiencing barriers to learning, assessment or participation is encouraged to contact the Justin Dart, Jr. Student Accessibility Center (Dart Center) to learn more about academic accommodations and support that may be available to them. Students seeking academic accommodations will need to register with the Dart Center as soon as possible to ensure timely implementation of approved accommodations. Please contact the Dart Center by visiting the website: <https://uh.edu/accessibility/> calling (713) 743-5400, or emailing jdcenr@Central.UH.EDU.

The Student Health Center offers a Psychiatry Clinic for enrolled UH students. Call 713-743-5149 during clinic hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

The A.D. Bruce Religion Center offers spiritual support and a variety of programs centered on well-being.

The Center for Student Advocacy and Community (CSAC) is where you can go if you need help but don't know where to start. CSAC is a "home away from home" and serves as a resource hub to help you get the resources needed to support academic and personal success. Through our Cougar Cupboard, all students can get up to 30 lbs of FREE groceries a week. Additionally, we provide 1:1 appointments to get you connected to on- and off-campus resources related to essential needs, safety and advocacy, and more. The Cougar Closet is a registered student organization advised by our office and offers free clothes to students so that all Coogs can feel good in their fit. We also host a series of cultural and community-based events that fosters social connection and helps the cougar community come closer together. Visit the CSAC homepage or follow us on Instagram: @uh_CSAC and @uhcupbrd. YOU belong here.

Recording of Class

All classes will be recorded by UH. The recordings will be available to students registered for the course.