



CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINICAL (THE INNOCENCE PROJECT) LAW 687:

1. ***Criminal Justice Clinical*** (Law 687) is a full-year 3-credit course which meets bi-weekly over both fall and winter terms. Grades and credit for Law 687 will be assigned at the end of winter term. Students should register in both Law 687A and Law 687B to reflect the two terms over which the course is offered.
2. The course is limited to eight students, with preference given to third year students. Second year students may be admitted at the discretion of the instructor.
3. The course description is as follows:

Law 687 – Criminal Justice Clinical (The Innocence Project)

Students enrolled in Criminal Justice Clinical (The Innocence Project) will explore the causes of wrongful convictions including eyewitness identification errors, jailhouse informant testimony, false confessions, tunnel vision, systemic discrimination, forensic science errors, the impact of racism, gender bias and socioeconomic factors and professional/prosecutorial misconduct. Students will study past cases of wrongful convictions and will critically examine criminal convictions review processes in both Canadian and international contexts. Students will also work together and in collaboration with correctional facility personnel and exonerees to establish an intake and review process for new claims of wrongful conviction. In addition to work on new cases, students may be involved in administrative tribunal hearings, wrongful convictions access to justice initiatives and/or public interest advocacy initiatives.

Students are required to: (1) read assigned materials and participate in class discussions; (2) make presentations in class; and (3) draft substantive legal documents such as legal opinions, pleadings and/or briefs or materials for ministerial review etc. Attendance is mandatory, unless absence is excused in advance by the instructor.

4. Pre-requisites: Crime (Law 410).
Recommended co-requisites: Criminal Process (Law 511), Evidence (Law 507).
5. Evaluation in Criminal Justice Clinical is based on written and oral work, including a reflective journal. The course is graded on the university clinical course scale, with possible grades of Credit, D or F.
6. Admission to the course is at the discretion of the instructor as demand for spots is likely to exceed available supply.

Your application must be submitted to Professor Christopher c/o Sue Parsons (MFH 4320) no later than noon on **Friday, July 6, 2018**. If necessary, you may submit your application electronically, to sparsons@ucalgary.ca. Electronic applications should be submitted as one PDF document *only*, not as multiple attachments.

The application should consist of your current CV, your law school transcript and a one-page legal writing sample (maximum 500 words). A cover letter is not required but may be submitted if there are aspects of your background or experience that you feel are not adequately reflected in your CV or transcript. The writing sample may be an excerpt from a paper, factum, memo or brief that you have prepared for law school or law-related employment. Note: if the latter, ensure you have permission and do not breach firm or client confidentiality.