WINTER 2006 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION
UMKC School of Law

COURSE NUMBER AND COURSE NAME:

Law 636: Criminal Procedure II

PROFESSOR: Berger

PREREQUISITE(S):

Criminal Procedure I must have been completed or the instructor’s permission must be obtained.

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Letter grade based on final examination. Consideration may be given to class participation.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

The course focuses on pre-trial and trial proceedings in the criminal justice system. It is designed to expose students interested in criminal practice to the theoretical and practical issues faced by criminal law practitioners and to some of the skills necessary for effective practice. Among the topics likely to be covered are grand juries, preliminary hearings, pre-trial release, discovery, guilty pleas, speedy trial, jury trials and double jeopardy.

COURSE BOOK(S):

1. **Required:**
   

2. **Recommended:**

   LaFave, Israel & King, *Criminal Procedure*
   
   Dressler, *Understanding Criminal Procedure*

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

Important for anyone planning to engage in criminal practice.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION PREPARATION:

Not essential.