

LAW 452.3 TRIAL ADVOCACY

(2021-2022 (s. 3) A. Smith – This section has a criminal jury trial focus)

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(This is an application-based class)

Prerequisite: *Law 351.3, Evidence*

Criminal Procedure is an asset but not a prerequisite.

Please note: This is an application-based class. To apply, students must send an e-mail to the instructor at ams085@mail.usask.ca indicating why they would like to take part in the course and identify if they have met the prerequisite requirement (Law 351.3, Evidence) or are intending on meeting the prerequisite requirement in Term 1. The application deadline is Friday, July 16, 2021. Students will receive notification of selection approximately a week after the deadline. Students who have been selected for this class should then contact Louise Ferguson (louise.ferguson@usask.ca) to receive information on how to register for this class.

Purpose and Orientation: This course is designed to provide students with the skills to understand and conduct a criminal jury trial. Students will learn how to deliver opening and closing statements, conduct examinations-in-chief and cross-examinations, learn how to utilize exhibits, make and respond to objections and address evidentiary issues which may arise during trial. Other topics such as witness preparation, pre-trial steps, jury selection, sentencing and the differences between civil trials and criminal trials will also be discussed.

Course Materials: None.

Teaching and Assessment: Students will be provided instruction on the identified topic areas and given an opportunity to present portions of a trial prior to running a criminal jury trial at the conclusion of the term. Students will be provided feedback on their presentations by the instructor and their peers. Guest speakers may be utilized as time permits.

Students will be assessed based on their preparation and participation in class, their performance on any advocacy component presented in class and their criminal jury trial. If time permits, students may also be given the opportunity to do a criminal sentencing submission and will also be assessed on this.