

Advanced Criminal Law: Convicting the Innocent
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Course Evaluation

Your grade for the course will be based on the writing you do for the course. Your writing can take the following forms:

- 1) a traditional research paper,
- 2) an essay/research paper that focuses on a particular topic relevant to the course,
- 3) a series of shorter writings that explore selected topics relevant to the course
- 4) a special project (which is approved by the instructor).

There is no mandated page length for course writing(s). For those who feel they cannot live without a specific guideline, 20 pages might be viewed as a reasonable expectation for the length of the paper/writings.

The course website provides a host of sources for writing topics (and there are numerous links to online sources). You are welcome to seek out and to explore in your course writing(s) any of the case studies we take up in class or that you find presented on the “masterfiles” webpage. .

I do not require submission of outlines or drafts. I do expect that your writing for the course will demonstrate lucid prose and reflect the quality of writing expected of students in a professional school. I further expect that the paper/course writing will be carefully edited; your course writing is not something to be thrown together at the last minute.

I will be available throughout the semester to discuss your selection of a topic (or topics) and will be willing to review drafts of your writing as you might make them available.