COURSE NAME: Wrongful Convictions II
COURSE NUMBER: 8635 T
PROFESSOR: Lyndsay Runnels
ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Criminal Law
DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Wrongful Convictions I, Criminal Procedure I & Evidence
COURSE BOOKS: Casemap case management software (trial version provided free of charge by Lexis). Cases materials and record provided by professor.

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:
At the completion of the course, students will be able to do the following:
- Manage and monitor a client’s case.
- Proficiently use case management software.
- Interact professionally with client.
- Identify facts and legal issues indicating the possibility of a wrongful conviction.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Ungraded Pass/Fail. The course is two credit hours. To pass the course, students must receive a favorable evaluation by the program coordinator.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Wrongful Convictions II, a two credit hour course, will involve "hands on" work with cases that have passed through the first level of screening in Wrongful Convictions I with students receiving the transcripts and case documents in addition to the briefs and opinion in the case. Students will receive these documents and report on the likelihood that an inmate is innocent and the strategies available for pursuing the claim of innocence. Students work with the Midwest Innocence Project to review actual cases of wrongful convictions and the state and federal processes necessary for exoneration.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Wrongful Convictions II is relevant to all who practice law. It is particularly useful to those planning a career as a prosecuting attorney, criminal defense attorney, and those planning to devote time in their career to pro bono work. Students will perform legal analysis, suggest legal strategies, and correspond with clients. This work will include review of appellate, post-conviction and civil habeas corpus litigation.