

CRJU 321: CRIMINAL LAW -COURSE SYLLABUS-

Fall 2007 (Section 001)

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM Thursday & Thursday, Currell College, Rm 107

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The class will examine the criminal law in America, including its origins, foundations, Constitutional limits, and theories of punishment (“Why”). The focus of the course is on the basic elements of crimes and defenses (“What”), and the application of facts to these elements (“How”).

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To provide the student with a knowledge of the historical development and general framework of the criminal law; to familiarize the student with the legal definitions and classifications of crimes and their application to the system of the administration of justice; to develop an understanding of the substantive law of criminal offenses and defenses to criminal liability; and to develop an appreciation of the values of researching the common law and statutes, interpreting court decisions, and legal reasoning.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Criminal Law, 9th Edition **OR** 8th Edition, Joel Samaha, Wadsworth Publishing

CLASS METHODOLOGY:

Students should prepare for class by 1) reading the assigned text and 2) reading the applicable lecture notes. Students will be called on during class and are encouraged to ask questions. Preparation and participation in class discussions may affect your final grade.

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

A roster will be passed around during each class. Missing 5 classes will result in a one letter reduction in the final grade, and every class missed after 5 will result in an additional ½ letter grade reduction. Signing the roster for someone else will result in dismissal from the class and a referral for disciplinary action.

GRADES:

Grades will be based on three exams (30% each) and an interview project (10%). The project will be based upon an interview each student will conduct with a criminal justice professional and a 3-5 page report on that interview.

Grading Scale:

Grade	Range	Grade	Range
A	90-100	C	70-76
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	80-86	D	60-66
C+	77-79	F	< 60

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DATE	TOPIC	Assignment: 8 th Edition	9 th Edition
Thurs 8/23	Criminal Law – Why bother?	(none)	
Tues 8/28	Nature & Limits of Crim. Law	Ch.1, pp.1-24	Ch.1, pp. 1-28
Thurs 8/30	Nature & Limits of Crim. Law	(cont'd)	Ch.1, pp. 28-45
Tues 9/4	Const. Limits	Ch.2, pp. 25-41	Ch.2, pp. 46-60
Thurs 9/6	Const. Limits	Ch.2, pp. 41-53	Ch.2, pp. 60-77
Tues 9/11	General Principles - <i>Actus Reus</i>	Ch.3, pp. 54-67	Ch.3, pp. 78-90
Thurs 9/13	General Principles- <i>Actus Reus</i>	Ch.3, pp. 67-85	Ch.3, pp. 90-103
Tues 9/18	General Principles- <i>Mens Rea</i>	Ch.4, pp. 86-112	Ch.4, pp.104-134
Thurs 9/20	General Principles- <i>Mens Rea</i>	(cont'd)	(cont'd)
Tues 9/25	Review		
Thurs 9/27	Exam #1		
Tues 10/2	Homicide	Ch. 9, pp. 281-304	Ch.9,pp.272-299
Thurs 10/4	Homicide	Ch. 9, pp. 304-331	Ch.9,pp.300-326
Tues 10/9	Criminal Sexual Conduct	Ch. 10, pp. 332-353	Ch.10,pp.328-347
FALL	BREAK 10/11 -10/12		
Tues 10/16	Assault & others	Ch. 10, pp. 353-372	Ch.10,pp.347-366
Thurs 10/18	Property Crimes	Ch. 11, pp. 373-398	Ch.11,pp.368-377
Tues 10/23	Property Crimes	Ch. 11, pp. 398-408	Ch.11,pp.377-387
Thurs 10/25	Burglary	Ch. 11, pp. 408-423	Ch.11,pp.387-405
Tues 10/30	Review		
Thurs 11/1	Exam #2		
Tues 11/6	Defense: Justification	Ch. 7, pp. 190-214	Ch.5, pp. 136-150
Thurs 11/8	Defense: Justification	Ch. 7, pp. 214-237	Ch.5, pp. 150-171
Tues 11/13	Defense: Excuse	Ch. 8, pp. 238-258	Ch.6, pp. 172-191
Thur 11/15	Defense: Excuse	Ch. 8, pp. 258-279	Ch.6, pp. 191-205
Tues 11/20	Interview Paper Due Parties to Crime	Ch. 5, pp. 114-145	Ch.7, pp. 206-230
	Thurs 11/22-Thanksgiving		
Tues 11/27	Uncompleted Crimes	Ch. 6, pp. 145-189	Ch.8, pp. 232-271
Thurs 11/29	Overview –Public Order, Crimes against the State	424-425 & 458-460 462-463 & 493-497	406-408&431-33 436-438&456-60
Tues 12/4	Review	none	
Thurs 12/6	Review	none	
FRIDAY 12/14	9AM –FINAL EXAM (#3)	(Material covered since mid-term)	