



MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE TITLE

Criminal Law

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Dept.: CJ&

Course Num: 110

(Formerly:)

CIP Code: 45.0401

Intent Code: 11

Program Code: N/A

Credits: 5

Total Contact Hrs Per Qtr.: 55

Lecture Hrs: 55

Lab Hrs: 0

Other Hrs: 0

Distribution Designation: Specified Elective SE

COURSE DESCRIPTION (as it will appear in the catalog)

This course is designed as an introduction into the study of criminal law and will review the difference between crimes against property, crimes against public, and crimes against a person. This course will study the various mental states required for criminal responsibility and those defenses used in a criminal trial, along with definitions, classifications, elements, and penalties of crime and criminal responsibility.

PREREQUISITES

Completion of CJ& 101 or instructor permission.

TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES

An appropriate text as determined by the department.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge or skills:

1. Identify major concepts, definitions, classifications, elements, and criminal responsibility.
2. Summarize and explain the history, development, and evolution of criminal laws in the United States.
3. Describe the relationship between Mens Rea, Actus Reus, and Concurrence.
4. Examine the Model Penal Code and the elements of crimes.
5. Compare the four levels of mens rea (mental state) and evaluate when/if society should punish criminal acts committed by persons.
6. Examine and apply the general defenses available to criminal defendants.
7. Apply the constitutional safeguards and procedural protections for the accused.
8. Identify the major differences between civil law and criminal law
9. Be able to differentiate crimes against persons, crimes against property, and public order and morals crimes.

INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

IO1 Communication: Students will be able to execute effective oral and written communication skills related to their discipline (e.g., report writing).

IO2 Quantitative Reasoning: Students will be able to execute mathematical reasoning using methods appropriate to the profession.

COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE

1. Foundations And Elements Of Criminal Law
2. Defenses
3. Crimes Against Persons
4. Crimes Against Property
5. Other Crimes

DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES *(optional)*

PO4, PO7, and PO9 should be assessed.

DIVISION CHAIR APPROVAL

DATE