

Criminal law
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12:00 – 12:50 MWF
Stubbs 218

I. Contact Information

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II. Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

CJUS 101 or approval of the program director (department head)

III. Course Description

CRIMINAL LAW. 3 cr. Examination of substantive criminal law with emphasis on history, theory, classification and elements of crimes, elements of proof, and other issues related to Criminal law. Prerequisite 101 or program director approval.

IV. Course Objectives and Outcomes

To familiarize the student with elements of substantive criminal law including the types of crime, the elements of crimes elements of arrest, levels of proof, burden of proof, and other issues associated with substantive criminal law. Measured by examination scores on three or four examination related to the subject matter.

V. Course Topics

The nature & history of Criminal Law

Criminal Liability

Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime

Justification as defense

Excuses as defense

The defense of insanity

Personal Crime

Property & Computer Crime

Offenses against public order

Offenses against public morality

Victims and the Law

VI. Instructional Methods and Activities

This class is neither on-line or hybrid. Class attendance is strongly encouraged. Additionally, university policy is that a student's unexcused absences cannot exceed 10% of regularly scheduled classes. This class meets 30 times during the semester. Therefore a student's unexcused absences cannot exceed 3. (See Section VIII-B for more detail on attendance).

Instructional methods will be focused on classroom activities (See Section IX for a weekly detail of activity). The instructor will utilize lectures, audio/visual aids, outside guest speakers, and other types of instructional activities as may be deemed appropriate. There will be no research papers to write. Most research on significant court cases will be limited to those cases discussed in the text.

VII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

There will be several unit examinations and one final examination in the class. Unit exams will be announced at least one week in advance of the examination. The final examination will be on Friday December 7 at 1000 hours. All exams including the final test will have 100 points. Final grade averages will be posted on-line for students to view via Arrow. Final grade averages and corresponding letter grades will be as follows:

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

Undergraduate mid-term grades will be posted on-line via Arrow. Mid-term grades indicate a student's status at mid-semester only and do not indicate the final performance outcome of a student.

VIII. Class Policies and Procedures

At a minimum, all policies stated in the current ULM *Student Policy Manual & Organizational Handbook* should be followed (see <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>). Additional class policies include:

A. Textbook and materials:

CRIMINAL LAW TODAY, 3RD EDITION by Frank Schmallenger published by Prentice-Hall. ISBN#: 0-13-170287-4.

No other materials are required. Recording devices are permitted during regular class sessions Only!

B. Attendance Policy: Class attendance is required!. Attendance will be taken at each class meeting. Excused absences will be for legitimate and documented purposes only and must be supported by court orders, physician's excuses, military orders, etc. Not sufficient are statements from parents, spouses, roommates, or others attesting to your not feeling well on a particular day.

C. Make-up Policy: Those who miss examinations due to verifiable, unavoidable reasons will be allowed to take the exam during a time specified by the instructor. The exam may or may not Be the same exam that was originally administered.

D. Academic Integrity: Faculty and students must observe the ULM published policy on Academic Dishonesty (see Page 4 in ULM *Student Policy Manual* --

<http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>). (Also, include any additional policy information.)

E. Course Evaluation Policy: At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line course evaluation. (Also, include any additional course-specific policies related to evaluation of the course.)

F. Student Services: Information about ULM student services, such as Student Success Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/cass/>), Counseling Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/>), Special Needs (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/special.htm>), and Student Health Services, is available at the following Student Services web site <http://www.ulm.edu/studentaffairs/>.

G. Emergency Procedures: All students who anticipate any type of emergency should make the instructor aware of any action the instructor should take. For example, any students who may anticipate emergencies associated with a medical condition should indicate what action s/he wishes to be taken. Otherwise medical emergency personnel will be summoned to the scene of the emergency.

H. Discipline/Course Specific Policies: Students who are Criminal Justice majors are reminded that they must have a grade of C or better in all Criminal Justice classes.

IX. Tentative Course Schedule

A. Contact Information: Alton Braddock who telephone # is 342-1404, who e-mail address is braddock@ulm.edu and whose office is 207 Stubbs Hall.

B. Schedule: The following schedule by week details the topics to be covered in each week.

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE THIS SCHEDULE AS NEEDED!

Week of:	Topic:
January 14	Nature & History of Criminal Law
January 21	Criminal, Liability and History of Criminal Law
January 28	Expanding the Concept of Crime
February 4	Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime
February 11	Justification as Defense
February 18	Excuses as Defenses
February 25	The Defense of Insanity
March 3	Personal Crime: Homicide
March 10	Personal Crime: Assault, Battery, & other personal crimes
March 17	Property & Computer Crimes
March 24	Offenses Against Public Order
April 7	Offenses Against Public Morality
April 14	Victims and the Law
April 21	Punishment & Sentencing
April 28	United States Constitution
May 5	Final Test