

CRIMINAL LAW
Cjus 293 01 084
8:00 - 9:15 TR
Stubbs 218

- I. Contact Information:
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Office hours: 0900 to 1000 hours MWF & 0930 to 1030 hours TR
- II. Course prerequisite/Corequisite
Cjus 101 or approval by the instructor or department head
- III. Course description:
Examination of substantive criminal law with emphasis on history, theory, classification and elements of crime, elements of proof, and other issues related to criminal law.
Discussion and research on justification and excuses for the commission of crimes.
- IV. Course objectives and outcomes:
To familiarize the student with elements of substantive criminal law including the types of crimes, the elements of crime, the elements of arrest, levels of proof, burden of proof, and other issues associated with criminal law. Measured by three examinations - announced in advance - and related to the subject matter.
- V. Course Topics:
The nature and history of criminal law
Criminal Liability
Inchoate offenses and parties to a crime
Justification as defense
Excuses as defense
The defense of Insanity
Personal crime
Property and computer crimes
Offenses against Public order
Offenses against public morality
Victims and the Law
- VI. Instructional methods and Activities:
This class is neither on-line or a hybrid course! Class attendance is strongly encouraged. Additionally, University policy is that a student's nonexcused absences cannot exceed 10% of regularly scheduled classes. This class meets 30 times during this semester. Therefore, a student's nonexcused absences cannot exceed 3. (See section VIII-B for more details 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 paper. Some outside research may be required on timely court cases including, but not limited to, cases discussed in the text.

VII. Evaluation and grade assignment:

There will be several unit exams and one final examination in the class. Unit exams will be announced at least one week in advance. The final exam will be administered at the regular scheduled during the week of December 1, 2008. All exams including the final test will have 100 points. Final grades will be posted on-line for students to view via the Arrow system. Final grade averages and corresponding letter grades will be as follows:

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

Mid-term grades will be posted on 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/student_policy) Additional information includes:

Textbook: CRIMINAL LAW TODAY, 3rd by Frank Schmallerger published by Prentice Hall. ISBN # 0-13-170284-4. No other materials are required. Recording devices are permitted during regular class sessions only - not during testing.

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, physicians excuses, military orders, etc. Not sufficient are statements from parents, spouses, roommates, or others attesting to your not feeling well on a particular day.

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

Academic Integrity: Faculty and students must observe the ULM published policy on academic dishonesty.

Course Evaluation Policy: At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line

course evaluation.

Student Services: Information about ULM student services, such as student success center, counseling center, special needs, and student health services is available at the Student Services web site.

Emergency Services: All students who anticipate any type of emergency should make the instructor aware of any action the instructor should take. For example, any student 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.

Course Specific Policy: 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:

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

| Week of | Topic |
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| August 18 | Nature & History of Criminal Law |
| August 25 | Criminal Liability & History of Criminal Law |
| September 1 | Expanding the Concept of Crime |
| September 8 | Inchoate Crimes & parties to a crime |
| September 15 | Justification as Defense |
| September 22 | Excuses as Defense |
| September 29 | The Defense of Insanity |
| October 6 | Personal Crime: Homicide |
| October 13 | Personal Crime: Assault/Battery & others |
| October 20 | Property and Computer Crimes |
| October 27 | Offenses Against Public Order |
| November 3 | Offenses Against Public Morality |
| November 10 | Victims and the Law |
| November 17 | Punishment & Sentencing |
| November 24 | United States Constitution |
| December 1 | Final Test |