

**CRIMINAL LAW
CJUS 293 95 083**

I. Contact Information

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See http://www.ulm.edu/criminaljustice/faculty_1.html for current listing of office hours.
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 07:30-09:30 and 11:00-12:00.

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 approval of program director.

IV. Course Objectives and Outcomes

To familiarize the student with elements of substantive criminal law including the types of crimes, 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 3 exams related to the subject matter.

V. Course Topics

- The nature and history of criminal law
- Criminal liability and the essence of crime
- Expanding the concept of crime
- Extending criminal liability: Inchoate offenses and parties to crimes
- Justifications as defenses
- Legal and social dimensions of personal crime: Homicide
- Legal and social dimensions of personal crime: Assault, battery, and other personal crimes
- Legal and social dimensions of property and computer crimes
- Offenses against public order and the administration of justice
- Offenses against public morality
- Victims and the law

VI. Instructional Methods and Activities

The class is totally online; there are no class meetings. All eHomework, quizzes, and examinations are completed online no later than the final due dates for each assignment, as stated below. The 10-question quizzes are timed at 15 minutes; the 50-question exams are timed at 60 minutes. You are penalized 10% for each minute or portion thereof if you exceed the allowable time by more than 30 seconds. Exams and quizzes are obviously open-book, but you will not have time to literally look up every question—study for the exams and quizzes as if they were NOT open-book and then you will have time to look up the few questions to which you do not know the answer. The eHomework is not timed. You may enter it, save it and re-enter it until such time as you will have completed it, at which time you will submit it. However, you may not submit eHomework after the final date on which it is due (see below).

All quizzes, eHomework, and exams are available to you to complete early, but you may not complete them late. You must not enter a QUIZ or an EXAM until you are ready to complete it in that sitting. You can enter them only once, the questions are presented to you in random order, random choices, no-print, forced-choice methods with no backtracking allowed. You will not be given the correct answer to questions that you miss. If you have technical problems, it will be necessary to contact me and it will require positive

action on my part to enable your completion of the exam. On eHomework, you may enter, save, and re-enter; but that is not true on exams and quizzes.

All course materials are available to you upon entry into the course. You may work ahead but you may not get behind. Quizzes and exams can be entered only once and must be completed in one session; eHomework may be entered, worked on, saved, re-entered, and ultimately submitted. Do not "submit" the eHomework until you are finished with it.

VII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

There will be three unit examinations in the class; each will contain 50 questions and be valued at 100 points. In addition, there will be twelve 10-question quizzes and twelve 5-question eHomework assignments; each will be valued at 10 points. Thus, the total number of points available is 540. The course grade distribution is as follows: 494-540=A; 432-493=B; 378-431=C; 324-377=D; and below 324=F. Criminal Justice majors are reminded that they must have a grade of at least C in all criminal justice courses.

Undergraduate mid-term grades will be posted on-line for students to view 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. Mid-term grades are not usually posted in summer sessions. However, since this an online class, students will have continuous access to their grades in class through the online gradebook.

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(s) and Materials: (Include required and recommended items)

Schmallegger, Frank. *Criminal law today: An introduction with capstone cases*. 3d. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson. ISBN: 0131702874.

B. Attendance Policy

Since this is a 100% online class, attendance to specified class meetings is not an issue. However, note that the assignments are available for you to complete at any time, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and the only real limitation you have is that you **MUST** complete it by the final due date for that assignment (the date in parenthesis at the end of the assignment entry below). Major examinations can be completed at any time, but must be completed no later than the date specified in the entry for that exam.

You will note that the dates included above in my proposed study schedule only include 4 days each week. That is due to the fact that the university is operating on a 4-day week during the summer sessions. Since this is a totally online class, those dates are not meant to be restrictive except in the sense of final due dates. You may set your own schedule to complete the assigned work with the caveat that you **MUST** complete all work by *ITS* assigned due date.

C. Make-up Policy

Those who miss the completion of quizzes, ehomework, or examinations due to verifiable, unavoidable reasons will be allowed to take the exam(s) or quiz(zes) and complete the ehomework during a time specified by the instructor. The exam or quiz 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/>).

E. Course Evaluation Policy:

At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line course evaluation.

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/>. The Computer Center Help Desk is available to assist students by calling 318/342-3333.

G. Emergency Procedures: (Include appropriate emergency information.)

Emergency procedures in the traditional sense are unnecessary in this online class. However, if you need to contact me at home regarding a past absence, an anticipated absence, or some other issue or situation that makes it necessary that you talk with me, please call my home at 318/397-2609. But, do so only in emergency situations. Ordinarily, you should email me at hwilliamson@ulm.edu or haroldwilliamson@bellsouth.net.

H. Discipline/Course Specific Policies

Students who are criminal justice majors are reminded that they must have at least a grade of C in all criminal justice classes.

IX. Tentative Course Schedule**A. Contact Information**

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B. Schedule

All assigned readings should be completed prior to the class period for which they are assigned.

Jul	07	Read Chapter 1 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/13.
	08	Read Chapter 2 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/13.
	09	Read Chapter 3 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/13.
	10	Read Chapter 4 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/13.
	14	Complete Major Exam I no later than midnight on 7/14.
	15	Read Chapter 5 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/22.
	16	Read Chapter 6 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/22.
	17	Read Chapter 8 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/22.
	21	Read Chapter 9 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/22.
	22	Complete Major Exam II no later than midnight on 7/23.
	23	Read Chapter 10 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/31.
	24	Read Chapter 11 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/31.
	28	Read Chapter 12 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/31.
	29	Read Chapter 13 & complete ehomework, and quiz no later than midnight on 7/31.

- 30 Complete any makeup allowed and study for final exam.
- 31 Complete Major Exam III no later than midnight on July 31.

The instructor reserves the right to adjust the schedule as needed.