



Course Name: Criminal Law

Course Number: CJS*E211

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

An exploration of the scope and classification of criminal law as it relates to the various types of criminal offenses, and areas of criminal liability. Inchoate offenses and intent will be explored, as well as the U.S Constitution's relationship to criminal laws, and the process by which laws are made and enforced.

Prerequisite, Corequisite, or Parallel: CJS*E101- Introduction to Criminal Justice (prerequisite)

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s): none

Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs: none

Embedded Competency(ies):

CRIX **Critical Analysis & Logical Thinking (Outcomes 1 2 3 4 5)**

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s): none

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

Embedded Critical Analysis & Logical Thinking: Students will be able to organize, interpret, and evaluate evidence and ideas within and across disciplines; draw reasoned inferences and defensible conclusions; and solve problems and make decisions based on analytical processes.

1. Demonstrate competence in argumentation by identifying issues, evidence and reasoning processes; distinguishing facts from opinion; recognizing various types of arguments.
2. Demonstrate competence in formulating arguments by formulating good arguments, including a significant focus on inductive reasoning.
3. Demonstrate competence in analysis by breaking subject matter into components and identifying their interrelations to ascertain the defining features of the work and their contributions to the whole.
4. Demonstrate competence in evaluation by identifying assumptions, assessing the quality and reliability of sources of evidence, and demonstrating knowledge of the criteria for evaluating the success of each kind of inference.
5. Demonstrate competence in synthesis, drawing together disparate claims into a coherent whole in order to arrive at well-reasoned and well-supported inferences that can be justified as a conclusion



Course Specific Objectives:

1. Develop knowledge of law as it impacts on the criminal justice system.
2. Develop ability to make sound decisions in a limited amount of time.
3. Develop understanding of specific ethical issues in the criminal justice professions.
4. Develop an ability to read, synthesize and comprehend the main points of legal cases.
5. Prepare competent written case briefs, as assigned by the instructor.
6. Comprehend the American legal process from arrest through conviction, sentencing and appeal.
7. Comprehend how and why laws are made from both a sociological and political perspective.
8. Develop an ability to analyze prior case law and statutes, and use them to formulate sound legal arguments, as applied to a fact pattern.

Course Content:

Introduction

- (a) what is criminal law
- (b) sources of law
- (c) other types of law

Criminal Responsibility

- (a) elements of a crime
- (b) required intent

Incomplete crimes

- (a) solicitation
- (b) conspiracy
- (c) criminal attempt

Defenses

- (a) accident
- (b) self-defense
- (c) insanity
- (d) mistake
- (e) others

Specific Types of Crimes

- (a) crimes against persons
- (b) property crimes
- (c) sex crimes
- (d) public order crimes
- (e) others



Special issues

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