

Criminal Law (CJ 330) – Winter 2012 Minisession

Class Period: Monday – Friday 8:00 – 5:00

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Required Textbook: *An Introduction to Criminal Law* (2011)
Philip E. Carlan, Lisa S. Nored and Ragan A. Downey
Jones & Bartlett Publishers

Course Description and Objective

This course explores the nature and application of substantive law as it relates to the peacekeeping function. The aim of the course is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamental basics of common law and its application to modern crime definitions, elements of criminal offenses, and basic defenses to criminal accusation.

Attendance Policy

Due to the importance of interaction and discussion, it is imperative that each student is physically and mentally present for all class sessions. No more than 8 hours may be missed without academic penalty. Absences totaling 8-12 hours will result in a one letter grade reduction. No course credit will be issued (regardless of current standing) upon absences exceeding 12 hours.

Classroom Demeanor Policy

Students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior during class sessions. The barometer for assessing unprofessional behavior is the reasonable anticipation test, defined as anything for which an average student should anticipate as unprofessional. Violation of this policy can result in removal from the class until the department head requests readmission. Examples of such intolerable behavior include disrespect (toward any class member), gossip, and excessive and unnecessary cell phone usage.

Withdrawal Policy

The last day to drop this class without academic penalty is Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

Grading Scale

A = 90+ B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = Below 60

Grading Policy

A total of three exams will be administered throughout the week:

<u>Exam</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Day</u>
1	35	1, 5	Wednesday
2	35	4, 6	Thursday
3	30	3, 9-10	Friday

Exam Make-Up Policy

Please make every possible effort to take examinations at scheduled times. In the event of a missed exam, though, the make-up will be taken (if permitted) at the instructor's discretion. To qualify for this privilege, the instructor must be notified prior to the exam or, in the case of an unavoidable emergency, as soon thereafter as possible.

Disabilities Policy

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

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Academic Honesty/Plagiarism Statement

Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty as outlined in the USM Student Handbook. The University's academic honesty policy will be strictly enforced. You are expected to understand the policy which is available in the University catalog and at http://www.usm.edu/pubs/studenthandbook/p001_111.pdf. In no instance will lack of familiarity with this policy excuse the violation. Other forms of academic dishonesty include buying papers, copying paragraphs/pages of text/whole papers off the internet, copying another student's answers, etc. Academic dishonesty can result in the grade of a "0" on the assignment and/or in the course and/or the student may be reported to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for further action.