Criminal Law
(CJ 330) H001 (1395) – FALL 2017
TUESDAY 6:30 – 9:15 pm
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Course Description and Objectives
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.

Course Materials
*A Brief Introduction to Criminal Law* (2015), Second edition
Philip E. Carlan, Lisa S. Nored and Ragan A. Downey
Jones & Bartlett Publishers

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 there will be no
cell phone usage during class.

Course Workload Statement
Students are expected to invest considerable time outside of class in learning the material for this
course. The expectation of the University of Southern Mississippi is that each week students
should spend approximately 2-3 hours outside of class for every hour in class working on
reading, assignments, studying, and other work for the course. We realize that most students
work and have family or other obligations. Time management is thus critical for student success.
All students should assess their personal circumstances and talk with their advisors about the
appropriate number of credit hours to take each term, keeping in mind that 30 credit hours each
year are needed to graduate in four years. Resources for academic support can be found at
https://www.usm.edu/success.
Grading Policies and Calculation

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

Students will receive an “interim grade” at the six-week point to give them an indication of their performance at that point in the semester.

The last day to add/drop without Academic/Financial Penalty is August 23. After this date, no tuition refund whatsoever will be issued, and all approved drops will result in a grade of W. After October 27, no course withdrawals are permitted (meaning the student will receive an actual grade in the course).

Students should be aware that “Incompletes” can only be assigned in cases of “extraordinary circumstances” beyond the student’s control.

All students are expected to participate in class discussion, and to be prepared to present your opinion of the law and cases that we will be covering in class. Your opinion on the law is your own, and your participation will be considered during the course of the semester. There will be a total of four exams that includes the final exam. Each exam counts 25% of your grade.

Academic Integrity Statement

All students at The University of Southern Mississippi are expected to demonstrate the highest levels of academic integrity in all that they do. Forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to):

• Cheating (including copying from others’ work)
• Plagiarism (representing another person’s words or ideas as your own; failure to properly cite the source of your information, argument, or concepts)
• Falsification of documents
• Disclosure of test or other assignment content to another student
• Submission of the same paper or other assignment to more than one class without the explicit approval of all faculty members’ involved
• Unauthorized academic collaboration with others
• Conspiracy to engage in academic misconduct

Engaging in any of these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or other sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student has violated our Academic Integrity Policy, sanctions ranging from resubmission of work to course failure may occur, including the possibility of receiving a grade of “XF” for the course, which will be on the student’s transcript with the notation “Failure due to academic misconduct.” For more details, please see the University’s Academic Integrity Policy: https://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-pro-012 Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the University.

Academic Support Resources

Please see our Student Success Website: http://www.usm.edu/success for information on where you can find tutoring and other academic assistance, as well as the location of key resources on campus.
If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans 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.

Address:
The University of Southern Mississippi
Office for Disability Accommodations
118 College Drive # 8586
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001
Voice Telephone: 601.266.5024 or 228.214.3232 Fax: 601.266.6035
Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the Mississippi Relay Service at 1.800.582.2233 (TTY) or email ODA at oda@usm.edu.

Important Class Policies

Attendance, Participation and Tardiness Policy
Due to the importance of interaction and discussion, it is imperative that each student is physically and mentally present for all class sessions. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class. Students are required to sign the roll sheet that is passed out at the beginning of each class. It is the responsibility of each student to sign the roll. This method is utilized in order to eliminate disputes about actual attendance. Students who are late will not be allowed to sign the roll. No more than three classes may be missed without academic penalty. A FOURTH ABSENCE (EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED) WILL AUTOMATICALLY REDUCE A STUDENT’S FINAL COURSE GRADE BY ONE LETTER GRADE. No course credit will be issued (regardless of current standing) upon a fifth absence.

Make-up Examinations
Make-up Examinations, if necessary, will be given and scheduled at the discretion of the instructor, if notification by email is given to the professor before the scheduled time. Any missed exam by a student will be made up within 48 hours of the day the test was administered. Failure to take an exam during the scheduled time period will result in a failing grade for that exam.

Mental Well-Being Statement
USM recognizes that students sometimes experience challenges that make learning difficult. If you find that life stressors such as anxiety, depression, relationship problems, difficulty concentrating, alcohol/drug problems, or other stressful experiences are interfering with your academic or personal success, consider contacting Student Counseling Services on campus at 601-266-4829. More information is also available at https://www.usm.edu/student-counseling-services. All students are eligible for free, confidential individual or group counseling services. In the event of emergency, please call 911 or contact the counselor on call at 601-606-HELP (4357).
# Class Schedule

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