

Course Syllabus

Department: Criminal Justice

Course Title: Fundamentals of Criminal Law

Section Name: CRIJ 1310

Start Date: 08-27-2012

End Date: 12-14-2012

Modality: Classroom/ Face to Face

Credits: 3

Instructor Information:

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Office Hours:

Monday: 8-10 am & 1-6 pm

Tuesday: 8-9:30am

Thursday: 8-9:30am

All others by Appointment Only.

Help from the instructor is available **at your request**. Appointments can be set up or you may contact instructor during office hours. Tutoring is available through the LRC.

STUDENT SUCCESS COACHES:

The Odessa College Student Success Coaches will help you stay focused and on track to complete your educational goals. If an instructor sees that you might need additional help or success coaching, he/she may submit a Retention Alert or a Starfish Alert. A Student Success Coach will contact you to work toward a solution.

Course Description:

A study of the nature of criminal law; philosophical and historical development; major definitions and concepts; classification of crime, elements of crimes and penalties using Texas statutes as illustrations.

Prerequisites: None

ICOs: 1, 2,3

Course Objectives:

The student will be required to explain the nature of criminal law. (1,2,3)
The philosophical and historical development of law and major definitions. (1,2,3)
The classification of crime, elements of crimes and penalties under Texas statutes (1,2,3)

Required Reading Material(s)

Criminal Law Today
4th Ed

Frank Schmalleger and Daniel E. Hall with John J. Dolatowski

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

1. Each week we will complete a chapter and a quiz may be expected.
2. There will be a Midterm and Final Examination
3. A term paper will be required for this course
4. Students are expected to attend class and be on time
5. Cell phones will be turned off or on "vibrate" so not to interrupt class
6. Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions

Lectures, Assignments and Assessments part 2

Date	Assignment	Page
8-27-12 to 8-31-12	Chapter 1. Nature & History of Criminal Law	4-33
9-3-12 to 9-7-12	Chapter 2 Criminal Liability Essence of Crime	40-55
9-10-12to9-14-12	Chapter 3 Expanding the concept of crime	60-75
9-17-12to9-21-12	Chapter 4 Inchoate Offenses/Parties to crime	81-108
9-24-12to9-28-12	Chapter 5 Justifications as Defenses	115-133
10-1-12to10-5-12	Chapter 6 Defenses, Excuses and Insanity	139-183
10-8-12to10-12-12	Chapter 7 Legal & social dimensions of Crime Homicide	192-216
<u>MIDTERM EXAMINATION</u>		
10-15-12to10-19-12	Chapter 8 Assault, battery & other personal crimes	224-249
10-22-12to10-26-12	Chapter 9 Property & computer crimes	255-299
10-29-12to11-2-12	Chapter 10 Offenses against public order	306-335
11-5-12to11-9-12	Chapter 11 Terrorism & human trafficking	343-358
11-12-12to11-16-12	Chapter 12 Offenses against public morality	365-393

11-19-12to11-30-12	Chapter 13 Victims and the law	400-429
12-3-12to 12-7-12	<u>Thanksgiving (Nov 22)</u> Chapter 14 Punishment and Sentencing <u>Term Papers Due 1Dec12</u>	437-473
12-10-12to12-14-12	<u>FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK</u>	

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. If it is necessary to miss a scheduled class meeting please notify the instructor in person or by telephone at 335-6332. (Leave message on answering machine)

Seven (7) unexcused absences may result in the loss of a letter grade for classes meeting on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule

Five (5) unexcused absences may result in a loss of a letter grade for classes meeting on a Tuesday, Thursday schedule

Two (2) unexcused absences may result in the loss of a letter grade for classes meeting Monday nights.

Grades:

90-100: A

80-89: B

70-79: C

60-69: D

Below 60: Failure

Scoring for grades:

Midterm Exam: 30%
Final Exam: 30%
Term Paper: 30% **(mandatory)**
Attendance: 5%
Participation: 5%

The Final Exam will be comprehensive meaning all chapters covered will be subject to examination. The Final Exam will be a combination of multiple choice, essay/short answer, true/false, fill in the blank type questions.

(Extra credit may be arranged at the discretion of the instructor)

TERM PAPER:

The term paper will consist of **no less than** 7 pages, double spaced, 12pt font. Page 1 will be a “cover page” with your name, instructors name and course name

Page 7 will consist of **no less than** five (5) references.

Pages 2-6 will consist of the body of the report.

You may pick any subject dealing with criminal justice but have your choice of topic approved by the instructor.

The term paper is **due no later than 1Dec12**. Late papers will not be accepted. Those taking courses online using “Blackboard” will email their term papers to the following email address: gschwende@odessa.edu

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, ebooks) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the “ask the librarian” service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.**

Student Portal:

Please access your Odessa College E-mail by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>
All correspondence will be submitted using Odessa College email.

Technical Support:

For blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm

Important School Policies:

Information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students' and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.

"This course Fundamentals of Criminal law, CRIJ 1310 12/FA has been identified as a course by Career, Technical, and Workforce Education as one in which teaching and learning strategies adopted by AVID will be implemented. As a student in the Criminal Justice program, you will be expected to develop an understanding of the strategies, to model the strategies, to maintain fidelity of implementation, and to examine how these strategies may impact your effectiveness as a professional in your chosen area of occupation, either through coursework or practicum experience as outlined by the course instructor."

Expectations for Engagement – Face to Face Learning

To help make the learning experience fulfilling and rewarding, the following Expectations for Engagement provide the parameters for reasonable engagement between students and instructors for the learning environment. Students and instructors are welcome to exceed these requirements.

Reasonable Expectations of Engagement for Instructors

1. As an instructor, I understand the importance of clear, timely communication with my students. In order to maintain sufficient communication, I will
 - provided my contact information at the beginning of the syllabus;
 - respond to all messages in a timely manner through telephone, email, or next classroom contact; and,

- notify students of any extended times that I will be unavailable and provide them with alternative contact information (for me or for my supervisor) in case of emergencies during the time I'm unavailable.
2. As an instructor, I understand that my students will work to the best of their abilities to fulfill the course requirements. In order to help them in this area, I will
 - provide clear information about grading policies and assignment requirements in the course syllabus, and
 - communicate any changes to assignments and/or to the course calendar to students as quickly as possible.
 3. As an instructor, I understand that I need to provide regular, timely feedback to students about their performance in the course. To keep students informed about their progress, I will
 - return classroom activities and homework within one week of the due date and
 - provide grades for major assignments within 2 weeks of the due date or at least 3 days before the next major assignment is due, whichever comes first.

Reasonable Expectations of Engagement for Students

1. As a student, I understand that I am responsible for keeping up with the course. To help with this, I will
2. As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to understand course material and requirements and to keep up with the course calendar. While my instructor is available for help and clarification, I will
 - seek out help from my instructor and/or from tutors;
 - ask questions if I don't understand; and,
 - attend class regularly to keep up with assignments and announcements.
 - attend the course regularly and line up alternative transportation in case my primary means of transportation is unavailable;
 - recognize that the college provides free wi-fi, computer labs, and library resources during regular campus hours to help me with completing my assignments; and,
 - understand that my instructor does not have to accept my technical issues as a legitimate reason for late or missing work if my personal computer equipment or internet service is unreliable.

DISCLAIMER: Each student is responsible for checking the syllabus frequently as it will be updated as often as needed.

