

Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department: Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Department

Course Title: Fundamentals of Criminal Law

Section Name: CRIJ_1310_WB

Start Date: 01/18/2011

End Date: 05/12/2011

Modality: ONLINE

Credits: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

A study of the nature of criminal law; philosophical and historical development; major definitions and concepts; classification of crime; elements of a crime and criminal responsibilities.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

No prerequisites required

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Course Objectives

1. Students will identify and describe the historical and philosophical development of the nature of criminal law.
2. The student will develop an understanding of the definitions and concepts of criminal law.
3. The student will identify and describe the criminal responsibilities as they apply to criminal statutes.

Required Readings/Materials

Title: Criminal Law Today

Edition: 1st

Author: Schmalleger, Frank

ISBN# 0-13-504261-8

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Each week you will see chapter lesson assignments as we move through the course. These assignments will correspond with your required Discussion Board postings. Please, respond to each Discussion Board question with a minimum 250 word response. Then post responses in the Discussion Board area to two (2) other student's postings on the same topic, not with a "good job" or a "great answer", but with a substantial response. All postings should be accompanied with a reference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Week 1

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the January 23, 2011 deadline

Week 2

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the January 30, 2011 deadline.

Week 3

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the February 6, 2011 deadline.

Week 4

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the February 13, 2011 deadline.

Week 5

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the February 20, 2011 deadline.

Week 6

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the February 27, 2011 deadline.

Week 7

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the March 6, 2011 deadline.

Week 8

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the March 13, 2011 deadline.

Spring Break is March 14 – 18, 2011. Odessa College is Closed.

Week 9

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the March 27, 2011 deadline.

Week 10

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the April 3, 2011 deadline.

Week 11

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the April 10, 2011 deadline.

Week 12

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the April 17, 2011 deadline.

Week 13

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the April 24, 2011 deadline.

Week 14

Read Chapter, check assignments

Post Discussion Board responses before the May 1, 2011 deadline.

Week 15

Review all assignments/Discussion Board questions for the semester.

All Discussion Board chapter will close Sunday May 8, 2011.

Week 16

Final Exam

The final exam is 25 questions, multiple choice exam, with One (1) opportunity to complete the exam.

Exam will open Monday May 9th at 8 am and close Thursday May 12th at 5 pm.

Grading Policy

Discussion Board Responses	50%
Exam	50%
Total	100%

Letter grades for this course:

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Point Awarded
A	90-100%	4.0
B	80-89%	3.0
C	70-79%	2.0
D	60-69%	1.0
F	Below 60%	0.0

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 any 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, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a 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 assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

Student Portal

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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

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

