

CRIMINOLOGY 420/520
CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE I - FALL 2005
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM (001) & 2:00PM – 3:15 PM (002)
Mrs. Lisa Kay Decker

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Required Text

Principles of Criminal Law, Second Edition, by Harvey Wallace & Clifford Roberson, ISBN 0-8013-1919-6

Course Description

This course provides an examination of substantive criminal law for upper level undergraduates and graduate students. As a result of this course you should attain basic skills in legal analysis, understand some of the basic legal concepts of the American Criminal Legal System and improve your analytical and verbal skills.

Office Hours

I encourage each and every student to take the opportunity to stop by and see me during my office hours! Although I make every effort to be available during these hours, there are times when conflicts in my schedule require me to vary my office hours. I will make announcements in class, in advance, about additional office hours or changes in office hours. If you want to make sure I will be available to speak with you at a specific time during my office hours, you may make an appointment in advance. Contacting me by e-mail is effective as I check my e-mail several times a day. If you are unable to contact me about a question or problem, please contact my graduate assistant. See the staff information section of the course website for contact information for my graduate assistant.

Course Web Site

The web site is an integral part of the course. I will use it to post the syllabus, announcements, reading assignments, grades, course notes, and information on any changes in the class schedule. I also use the e-mail function on the course web site to inform students about changes or important deadlines from time to time. I suggest that you check the web site and your e-mail frequently, especially if you have been absent.

Grading

Grades will be based upon class attendance and participation and upon exams.

Class attendance and participation - Each student must be prepared to recite in class when called upon. You may be expected to recite in class based on assigned readings from the required text and from any other reading material which may be assigned from time to time. Any failure to respond to a request to recite in class (whether because of absence from class, failure to have read the required material, or for any other reason) will be considered a "pass". Each student is allowed one pass without penalty. The second pass and each pass thereafter will be penalized by a loss of 25 points from your final grade total. **Four passes will result in a failing grade for the course.** A written excuse must be presented to me for consideration as to whether or not an absence will be excused. Excused absences will be granted only in extreme circumstances and in accordance with university rules.

Exams - There will be three exams during the semester worth 100 points each and a comprehensive final exam worth 200 points making a total of 500 points possible for this course. See the following "Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams" for reading assignments and projected exam dates.

GRADING SCALE

A	450 - 500 points
B+	435 - 449 points
B	400 - 434 points
C+	385 - 399 points
C	350 - 384 points
D+	335 - 349 points
D	300 - 334 points
F	0 - 299 points

NOTE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS - In addition to all other course requirements, graduate students are required to write a legal research paper which will be worth 200 points making the total possible points for graduate students in the class 700. The exact requirements for the paper will be provided to all graduate students in the first few weeks of class.

Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams

The following schedule is an estimate of the dates for various readings, assignments and exams. Students will be responsible for knowledge of any changes to the Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams, which may be announced in class. Students are expected to have completed the assigned readings prior to class and should be prepared to discuss the assigned readings during class.

August 25 - Introduction to the course and its objectives. Begin discussion of Chapter 1, Sources of Criminal Law

August 30 – Read and be prepared to continue discussion of Chapter 1 **NOTE: LAST DAY TO ADD CLASSES!!!**

September 1 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 2, Limitations on Criminal Liability

September 6 - Complete discussion of Chapter 2. Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 3, Basic Requirements of a Criminal Act

September 8 - Continue discussion of Chapter 3

September 13 - Complete discussion of Chapter 3. Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 5, Defenses (NOTE!! – We will be holding off on Chapter 4 until late in the semester.)

September 15 - Continue discussion of Chapter 5

September 20 - Complete discussion of Chapter 5. Wrap-up and review Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 5 in preparation for Exam 1

September 22 – Exam 1 over Chapters 1,2,3 & 5

September 27 - Review Results of Exam 1

September 29 - Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 6, Homicide

October 4 – Complete Discussion of Chapter 6

October 6 - Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 7, Sex Offenses

October 11 – Complete discussion of Chapter 7, Sex Offenses

October 13 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 8, Other Crimes Against Persons

October 18 - Complete Discussion of Chapter 8. Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 9, Robbery and Extortion

October 20 – Complete Discussion of Chapter 9. Review of Chapters 6,7,8 & 9 in preparation for Exam 2

October 25 - Exam 2 over Chapters 6,7,8 & 9

October 27 - Review Results of Exam 2

November 1 - Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 10, Theft and Other Crimes Involving Property **LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS!!!**

November 3 - Complete discussion of Chapter 10

November 8 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 11, Crimes Against Habitation

November 10 - Complete discussion of Chapter 11

November 15 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 12, Crimes against Public Morals

November 17 - Complete discussion of Chapter 12. Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 13, Narcotic and Alcohol Offenses

November 22 – Complete discussion of Chapter 13. Review of Chapters 10,11,12 & 13in preparation for Exam 3

November 24 - Thanksgiving Break, no class

November 29 - Exam 3 over Chapters 10,11,12 & 13

December 1 – Review results of Exam 3

December 6 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 4, Inchoate or Anticipatory Crimes

December 8 - Complete discussion Chapter 4 & discuss preparation for Cumulative Final Exam (Chapters 1-13)

FINAL EXAM DATES

420/520(001) 9:30 am -10:45 am Tuesday December 13, 10:00 a.m.

420/520(002) 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Thursday December 15, 3:00 p.m.