



Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

Criminal Law  
CJ 220

Spring Semester 2011  
11:00 am T-Th CH 206

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**Course Objective:** To familiarize participants with the criminal law, including general principles of criminal liability, defenses to criminal liability, and specific criminal offenses and punishment.

**Prerequisite:** Introduction to Criminal Justice CJ 100.

**Required text:** Samaha, J., *Criminal Law, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition*, Wadsworth-Thomson Learning, 2010.

**Expectations of Students:** (1) attend and participate in class; (2) read assigned material, brief cases (briefs must be turned each class period), and participate in class discussion; (3) complete any class assignments by due dates; (4) complete exams (multiple choice/true-false) as scheduled. Chapter quizzes are available as a study guide and may be taken online with the U-Test program. Exams may be made up only upon presentation of written evidence of serious injury or illness or a death in the family. Cheating and plagiarism will be handled according to university policy.

Case briefs: Students are expected to brief and be able to discuss the assigned cases. Students will be called upon to participate orally several times over the course of the semester. A student who is prepared will be awarded one (1) bonus point to the aggregate point totals.

Speluncean Explorers paper (Bonus Paper): After the review and discussion of the Lon Fuller article "Case of the Speluncean Explorers," write 2-3 pages on the topic indicated in the Dropbox.

Grades will consist of the following:		Grade Scale:	
Exam 1	100 points	90-100	A
Exam 2	100 points	80-89	B
Exam 3	100 points	70-79	C
Exam 4	100 points	60-69	D
Total	400 points	under 60	F

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Tentative Class Schedule

Jan. 18	Ch 1 Nature and Purposes of Criminal Law; You Be the Judge; pp 4-6
Jan. 20	Ch 1 Nature and Purposes of Criminal Law;
Jan. 25	Ch 2 Constitutional Limits on Criminal Law; pp 38-58 <a href="#"><i>Morse, et al v. Frederick</i></a> , "Bong Hits 4 Jesus."
Jan. 27	Ch. 2 Punishment; pp. 58-79 <i>Baze v. Kentucky</i> (2008)
Feb. 1	Ch 3 Principles of Criminal Liability: Action; pp 81-102
Feb. 3	Ch. 4 Principles of Criminal Liability; pp. 104-120
Feb. 8	Ch. 4 Principles of Criminal Liability; pp. 120-132
Feb. 10	Exam 1
Feb. 15	Ch 5 Defenses: Justifications pp 134-158
Feb. 17	Ch. 5 Defenses; Choice of Evils, Consent; pp. 159-173
Feb. 22	The Case of the Speluncean Explorers
Feb. 24	Ch 6 Defenses; pp. 174-205
Mar. 1	Ch 6 Defenses; pp. 174-205
Mar. 3	ACJS / <i>Strange Defenses</i>
Mar. 8	Ch 7 Parties to Crime; pp. 206-233
Mar. 10	Exam 2
Mar. 15-17	Spring Break
Mar. 22	Ch 8 Inchoate Offenses; Attempt; Impossibility; pp. 232-254
Mar. 24	Ch 8 Inchoate Offenses; Abandon; Conspiracy; Solicitation pp. 255-270
Mar. 29	Ch 9 Homicide; pp. 272-300
Mar. 31	Ch 9 Homicide; pp. 300-325
Apr. 5	Ch 10 Criminal Sexual Conduct; Battery; pp. 326-350
Apr. 7	Ch 10 Bodily Injury Crimes; Domestic Vio., Kidnapping; pp. 350-369
Apr. 12	Exam 3
Apr. 14	Ch 11 Property Crimes; Theft, False Pretenses; pp. 371-385
Apr. 19	Ch 11 Property Crimes: Robbery, Receiving, Damage Prop; pp. 385-401
Apr. 21	Ch 11 Property Crimes: Burglary, Trespass; pp. 387-408
Apr. 26	Ch 11 Property Crimes: Cybercrimes; pp. 408-417
Apr. 28	Make-up exam
May 3	Ch 12 Quality of Life and Victimless Crimes; pp. 418-449 <i>Gonzales v. Raich</i> , 545 U.S. 1 (2005)
May 5	Ch 13 Crimes Against the State; pp. 450-471
May 12	Finals (Thursday, May 12 10 am)
Sept. 28	<i>Strange Defenses</i> (ADJC)