Course Title: Fundamentals of Criminal Law  
Credit Hours: 3.0 Semester Credit Hours  
Course Schedule: Online  
Prerequisite: NONE

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; criminal responsibility.

Student Learning Outcomes

Instructional Methods: Lecture, class discussion, projects, video presentations, and examinations

Text(s): Criminal Law, 11th ed., Gardner, Thomas J. & Anderson, Terry M.

Purchased at the Brookhaven College Bookstore only

Grading: The grades in this course will be based upon the following:

Weekly Assignments 10 @ 25 point each 250 points total
Midterm Exam 1 @ 350 points each 350 points total
Final Exam 1 @ 350 points each 400 points total

1000 total points

A=900-1000  B=800-899  C=700-799  D=600-699  F<600

Schedule of Course:

Weekly assignments will be posted each week with the exception of the week of the Midterm exam (posted 3/16 and due any time before 3/20) and the week of the Final Exam (Posted 5/11 and due by 5/12.)

Assessment method: multiple choice exams, essay questions, written assignments

Make-up Policy: Any make-up work will be at the discretion of the professor. It will be the student’s responsibility to contact the professor about make-up work.

Scholastic Dishonesty: Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of the Student Conduct rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by Board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

Plagiarism: “Plagiarism” shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of
it in one’s own written work. Sanctions for violations of prohibited conduct may result in suspension; or in sanctions other than expulsion or suspension.

**Last Day to Drop:** The last day to drop with a “W” ____________________________.
It is your responsibility to withdraw from a course by the appropriate date. If you do not withdraw, you will receive a performance grade depending on your classroom performance.

For student who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the Fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career, unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information.

Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a "W". Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all 7 of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: [https://www.dcccd.edu/coursedrops](https://www.dcccd.edu/coursedrops)

**Student e-mail:** Legal privacy issues prevent your instructor from discussing your work or grades on commercial e-mail accounts. If you wish to send your papers as attachments to an e-mail, or have questions about your grade, you must open a student e-mail account (the account is free). You may set it up by going to [www.dcccd.edu](http://www.dcccd.edu) and clicking on Student Services, online services and student NetMail. All students receiving financial aid must open a NetMail account.

**Religious Holidays/Observances:** Students who will be absent from class for the observance of a religious holiday must notify the professor in advance. Please refer to the college catalog section on **Student responsibilities**.

**Students with disabilities:** Students with disabilities please register with the Brookhaven College Student Support Services.

**Financial Aid Students:** Students receiving Financial Aid must attend all classes. Do not drop or stop attending any class without first consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level or failing grades may require you to repay financial aid funds. If you fail to attend class the instructor will submit your name to the financial aid office as a “non-attendee”. All students receiving financial aid should open and E-mail account using NetMail. You may set it up by going to [www.dcccd.edu](http://www.dcccd.edu) and clicking on Student Services, online services and student NetMail.

**Date of Last Review:** February, 2013

**Disclaimer Reserving Right to Change Syllabus:** The Instructor has the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.