FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL LAW
CRIJ 1310-63400
SPRING 2016
1/20/2016 TO 5/12/2016

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Office Number: W218
Office Hours: 4:30pm thru 6:00pm on MONDAY’S and WEDNESDAY’S and TUESDAY/THURSDAY’S ONLINE ONLY via email or live chat between 8:30pm-9:00pm
Meeting Days & Time: ONLINE - ECAMPUS
Credit Hours: 3 Semester Hours
Division: Business, Computers, Mathematics and Technical Programs
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Course Description:

(CRIJ 1310) A study of the nature of criminal law is presented. The philosophical and historical development of criminal law is covered. Major definitions and concepts are given. The classification of crime is covered. The elements of crimes and penalties are discussed using Texas statutes as illustrations. Criminal responsibility is defined. (3 Lec.)

Course Pre-requisites: None

Course Materials/Supplies Needed


State Requirements:
Course Objectives
Student Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this course the student should be able to:
1. Identify the elements of a crime.
2. Identify the Amendments that in place to protect the rights of citizens who fall into criminal proceedings
3. Discuss case law
4. Identify the typologies and causative factors of crime.
5. Define culpability under the state of Texas penal code.
6. Evaluate the protective aspects of the US Constitution.
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Evaluation Procedures:

Students enrolled for the **SPRING 2016** semester will be graded on the following:

a. 4 examinations covering the book and class room lectures
   (50 questions correct for 100 pts)

b. Current Event Articles – **FOUR TOTAL** article assignments **ONE** per chapter sets.
   (25 Points each article) **CHAPTER SETS ARE 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-13**

c. 13 defining legal terms assignments for each chapter of your textbook
   (100 pts each chapter) **LOCATED WITHIN EACH CHAPTER. DEFINE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.**

EXAMINATIONS:

- There will a total of 4 examinations during the course of instruction. The test structure will be composed of 50 multiple choice questions in 2 exams and 2 short essay questions exams in exam 3 and exam 4
- The exams will cover material in the book, anything discussed during classroom lectures, and certain online information
- Exams will be **taken ON BLACKBOARD, WILL HAVE A TIME LIMIT AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY 9:00pm ON EXAM CLOSING DATE**
- **NO MAKE UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN**

Exam Results:

- Students that desire to review test results may do so by **CONTACTING** the instructor. Keep in mind the professor goes over each and every individual test and looks to see if the student was close to the correct answer or misspelled it.

Key Term Assignments

At the end of each chapter, I want you to define the KEY TERMS. The terms can be sent to me using the HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS tab on the left side of the course webpage. You can either type the terms and their definition in the blank box for each chapter or attach a word document with the assignment. Each key term assignment is worth 100 points. They must be written in complete sentence format, including punctuation. If this is not done I will deduct points. **ALL KEY TERMS ASSIGNMENTS ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE FOLDER PROVIDED AND MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THEM AND WHICH CHAPTERS THEY ARE. YOU WILL FIND THE TERMS BOLDED OR ITALIZED IN THE CHAPTERS AS YOU READ THEM. ALL ACHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE BY 5:00PM ON THE DUE DATES LISTED ON THE SYLLABUS THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED. PLEASE USE COMPLETE SENTENCES WHEN DEFINING THE WORDS.**

CURRENT EVENT ARTICLES

Each week, students will search for an article from a valid internet news source for current news related issues in relation to Criminal Investigations. Valid news sources can be: CNN, FOX NEWS, MSNBC, and DALLAS MORNING NEWS OR ASSOCIATED PRESS. Students will **CITE** the article, and write in the space provided or attach it to the posting in the folder provided. You will cite the article and then read it and write if you agreed with it or what could have been done with the situation at hand and to fix the problem. By the end of the semester, students should have **1 ARTICLE FOR EACH CHAPTER SETS. ARTICLE ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE LISTED ON SYLLABUS.**

- **ALL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE GRADED FOR CONTENT, GRAMMAR, SENTENCE AND PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE.**
- **ALL WRITTEN WORK MUST BE TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED, 12 PT FONT,TIMES NEW ROMAN**
Instructor Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students have the responsibility to attend class and to consult with the instructor when an absence occurs. If for some reason you must leave class early, you should inform the instructor prior to the start of class of your reason for leaving early. **Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending, by the certification date. For this lecture course, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses. THIS APPLIES TO ONLINE COURSES ALSO, IF SOMETHING ARISES IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE PROFESSOR BEFORE HAND AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE FACT AS NO SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN FOR LATE NOTIFICATIONS.**

Grading Scale:

**COURSE GRADING:**

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- 59 and Below = F

To reach your grade calculation you will add up all the chapter assignments and then divide by the number of chapters and it gives you a total. You then take all tests and add them up and divide by the number of test and it will give you a total, you then take the total from the article assignments each is worth a 100 points if done correctly and add them up and divide by four and if done correctly it should give you a total of 100. You take the total from the chapter assignments and the total from test and add it to the article assignments total and then add up all three totals and it will give you another total and you take that number and divide by three and that gives you a total final grade average.

Late Work Policy:

Student should have their assignments in by the date due on the class schedule. For every day the assignment is late, 5 points will be deducted from the overall grade.

Makeup Exam Policy:

No makeup exams will be given. Students will have one week to complete the exam from the date exam is posted on Blackboard.

Withdrawal Policy

If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by **THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016.** Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an “F.” Students often drop courses when help is available that would enable them to continue. Please discuss your plans with your instructor if you feel the need to withdraw. If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a "W" (Withdraw) in each class dropped.
STOP BEFORE YOU DROP

For students 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 on the allowable exceptions. 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 seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: https://www1.dcccd.edu/6drop

Repeating This Course:

Effective for Fall February 2008, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. This class may/may not be repeated for the third or subsequent time without paying the additional tuition. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/oep/third_attempt.cfm

Financial Aid:

Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending by the certification date. For this lecture class, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date, will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses. Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

If you are receiving financial aid grants or loans, you must begin attendance in all classes. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may require that you repay financial aid funds.

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a statewide program designed to ensure that students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities have the basic academic skills needed to be successful in college-level course work. The TSI requires assessment, remediation (if necessary), and advising of students who attend a public college or university in the state of Texas. The program assesses a student’s basic academic skills in reading, writing, and math. Passing the assessment is a prerequisite for enrollment in many college level classes. Students who do not meet assessment standards may complete prerequisite requirements by taking developmental courses in the deficient area and passing them with a grade of C or higher. Additional information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/admiss/tsi_requirements.cfm.

Academic Honesty:

Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community Colleges. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0406/ss/code.cfm.
ADA Statement:

Mountain View College and the Office of Special Services are committed to upholding the laws and the spirit of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed in 1990.

Religious Holidays:

Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

Disclaimer Reserving Right to Change Syllabus:

The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.

Inclement Weather Statement:

In the event of severe weather conditions, please listen to local radio or television stations for information concerning official closing of Mountain View College facilities. You can also call the inclement weather hotline at 214-860-8888, or check for updates on this web site. Decisions for evening classes will be made by 4:00 pm.