Eastfield College
SOCIAL SCIENCE Division, G-237
972-860-7156
Fundamentals of Criminal Law
CRIJ 1310.48311

Course Title: Fundamentals of Criminal Law
Credit Hours: 3.0 Semester Credit Hours
Course Schedule: 
Prerequisite: NONE
Office: W 101G
Semester/Term & Year:
Text #: 817-504-6650 not before 9:00AM or after 9:00PM and not on weekends.

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:
The student will be able to:
1. Discuss and explain the need for the study of the nature of criminal law.
2. Conceptualize and describe the philosophical and historical development of criminal law.
3. Define and describe major definitions and concepts
4. List and define the classification of offenses.
5. Identify and list elements of crimes and penalties using Texas statutes.
6. Define the concept of criminal responsibility.

Course Outline

Class Begins October 22, 2019
Week 1
Introduction (course, instructor & student)

1. Course Syllabus
2. Course Expectations/Requirements
3. Introductory Exam
Chapter 1 NATURE OF CRIMINAL LAW
Chapter 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
Complete week 1 assignment
Reading Assignment: Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 4

Week 2
Chapter 3 BURDEN OF PROOF
Chapter 4 MULTIPLE PROSECUTIONS
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz
Reading assignment Chapters 5 & 6
Assign Video Review

Week 3
Chapter 5 CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
Chapter 6 CULPABILITY GENERALLY
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz
Reading Assignment Chapters 7 & 8

Week 4
Chapter 7 CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT OF ANOTHER
Chapter 8 GENERAL DEFENSES TO CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz
Reading Assignment Chapter 9
Assign Reaction Paper

Week 5
Chapter 9 JUSTIFICATION EXCLUDING CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz
Reading Assignment Chapter 10

Week 6
Chapter 10 Use of Force, related Definitions & Concepts
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz
Reading Assignment Chapters 11
Week 7
Chapter 11
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz
Reading Assignment Chapter 12

Week 8
Chapter 12 PREPARATORY OFFENSES
Complete Weekly Assignment
Complete Weekly Quiz

Instructional Methods:

Text(s): *Fundamental of Criminal Law Textbook*, author Michael Santiago,

*Purchased at the Eastfield College Bookstore only*

*Please insure that you are purchasing the correct book.*

Texas Penal Code Online: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/

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

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Examinations dates: To be announced.

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

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Late Assignments policy
7 days late = 5-point deduction
8 days or later 10-point deduction

*If an incorrect or partial assignment is submitted and the student is allowed to resubmit, the resubmission will be considered late, and the late assignment policy will be in effect.*

Attendance Policy
To successfully complete this course, you must do the following:
1. Class attendance in critical, log into E-campus at least once a week
2. Turn in all assignments complete and on-time
3. Read all assigned material
4. Study for your examinations
5. Complete all random quizzes (no make-ups allowed)

New assignments will be posted every Monday and must be completed no later than midnight by the following Sunday.

All assignments will be graded within (7) seven days after submission.

If you need to contact me e-campus email is the best method. I will respond to e-mails within 48 hours.

Obtaining Final Course Grades Using eConnect

Final Grade Reports are no longer mailed or e-mailed. Convenient access is available online at www.econnect.dcccd.edu. Use your identification number when you log onto eConnect, an online system developed by the DCCCD to provide you with timely information regarding your college record. Your grades will also be printed on your Student Advising Report, which is available in the Admissions Office.

Eastfield College Email Policy
Faculty and students must have and use a DCCCD account for all correspondence relating to academic coursework. For information on setting up a DCCCD student email account go to: http://www.dcccd.edu/netmail/home.html No grades will be communicated via an outside email source.

**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
You may set it up by going to www.dcccd.edu and clicking on Student Services, online services and student NetMail. All students receiving financial aid must open a NetMail account.

**Attendance Policy:** There is no classroom attendance required in this online class. However, the course is set up with specific assignments and tests having due dates/times that must be met to receive credit. Failure to meet the stated deadline will result in no credit points for the assignment or test.

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 such as English 1301/1302, History 1301/1302, Math 1414, etc. 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. In some cases, retesting will also be required. It is up to each student to be aware and informed about requirements that are subject to change. Additional information is available from the TSI Office.

https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0910/admiss/tsi.cfm?loc=4

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

**Technology**

*You are encouraged to complete your class assignments using a compatible browser in e-Campus. For a “check” of compatibility, once you login to your course, go to the Browser Test option. If you encounter problems with technology, please call tech support at 972-669-6402. You will be given a “ticket number.” Write down that number for future references. It is recommended that you take your tests on a stable network; do not use iPads, iPhones, or laptops with wireless connections.*

**Resources:** Additional resources including magazines, newspapers, journals, and periodicals may be used by the instructor and the student. Students are strongly encouraged to use the resources of the college library to enhance their overall learning experience.

**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, including tests.

**Please note:** Any student that misses an examination will be required to contact the instructor. The make-up examination will be in essay form.

**Food and Drink Policy:** Eastfield College is a smoke-free zone. There is no smoking permitted on the college campus.

**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.

**Cell Phones and Pagers:** Please turn all cell phones and pagers on vibrate or silent. No text messaging is allowed during class.
**ADA Statement:** Students with a physical, mental or learning disability who require accommodations should contact the college Disability Services Office in C237. 972.860.8348 or email efcdso@dcccd.edu. For more information: http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/SSI/DSO/index.html

**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.

**EXEMPLARY EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

- Students in Criminal Justice will learn to employ the appropriate methods, technologies, and data that social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
- Students will examine social institutions and process across a range of historical periods, social structures, and cultures.
- Students will learn to use and critique alternative explanatory systems of theories.
- Students will analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on the area of study.
- Students will learn to understand the evolution and current role of the Criminal Justice system in the United States.

**CORE CURRICULUM INTELLECTUAL COMPETENCIES**

- **READING:** the ability to analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials at the college level.
- **WRITING:** the ability to produce clear, correct, and coherent prose adapted to purpose, occasion and audience at a college level.
- **CRITICAL THINKING:** think and analyze at a critical level.
- **COMPUTER LITERACY:** to understand our technological society and use computer-based technology in communication and the acquisition of information.

**Technology:** Assignments are DUE as outlined in the course calendar. Waiting until the last minute can be problematic as issues may arise with computers. Experiencing technological difficulties or not having access to a computer are not acceptable reasons for missing assignment deadlines. Students should plan to complete assignments utilizing resources available to them; for example, a local library or the Eastfield College library and computer lab.

**Attendance and Participation**

If you do not attend classes, you could lose your financial aid. You must attend and participate in your on-campus or online course(s) before the course certification date and continue beyond the course withdrawal date.

Your instructor is also required by law to validate/certify your attendance in your on-campus or online course(s) in order for you to receive financial aid. To meet this attendance requirement, you must participate in an academic-related activity pertaining to the course such as, but not limited to, the following examples: initiating contact with your instructor to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course, submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, completing an interactive tutorial, participating in computer-assisted instruction, attending a study group that is assigned by the instructor, or participating in an online discussion about academic matters relating to the course.
In an online class, simply logging in is not enough by itself to demonstrate academic attendance. You must show that you are participating in your online class and are engaged in an academically related activity as described above.

**Concealed Carry**

Any person who holds a license to carry may carry a concealed handgun on college district property as permitted by law and college district policy. A license holder who carries a handgun on college district property must keep it concealed and on or about their person at all times. The open carry of a handgun (i.e., completely or partially visible) is prohibited on college district property, including any public driveway, street, sidewalk, walkway, parking lot, parking garage or other parking area.

**Weapons**

The use, possession or display of a weapon in violation of law and college district policy is strictly prohibited. This prohibition applies to firearms, knives, clubs, fireworks of any kind, incendiary devices, razors, chains, throwing stars and any other device designed to expel a projectile or to inflict bodily harm.

**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 official drop date. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an “F.” 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. For more information about drop deadlines, refer to the current printed Credit Class Schedule, contact the Admissions/Registrar’s Office at 972-860-7167 (Room C119), or contact the division office. Please check online course site for the specific W date.

**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/coursedrops

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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 and clicking on Student Services, online services and student NetMail. All students receiving financial aid must open a NetMail account.

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 contract with the instructor to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

Students with disabilities: Students with disabilities please register with the Eastfield College Student Support Services 972.860.8348.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)
In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the College may release information classified as “directory information” to the general public without the written consent of the student. Directory information includes: (1) student name, (2) student address, (3) telephone numbers, (4) date and place of birth, (5) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (7) dates of attendance, (8) educational institution most recently attended, and (9) other similar information, including major field of study and degrees and awards received. Students may protect their directory information at any time during the academic year. If no request is filed, directory information is released upon written inquiry. No telephone inquiries are acknowledged. No transcript or academic record is released without written consent from the student, except as specified by law.

DCCCD Emergency Operating Procedures
http://video.dcccd.edu/rtv/DO/emergency_dcccd.wmv

Open and become familiar with the Institutional Policies:

Date of Last Review: August 2019

Disclaimer Reserving Right to Change Syllabus: The Professor reserves the right to amend this course syllabus. Any amendments will be posted online in your course site through e-Campus. All students will be sent an email with the amended material.