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 Federal Statutes and appropriate State Statutes as illustrations. Criminal responsibility is defined.

Course Pre-requisites: None


Core Objectives: (Not applicable)

Student Learning Outcomes
After successful completion of this course the student should be able to: explore and critically analyze common law, and criminal law; students should be able to understand the relationship of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 14th Constitutional Amendments to criminal law and criminal procedure, students should be able to explain the role and structure of the various court systems, i.e., federal, state, and municipal courts, students should be able to discuss the causative factors for criminal behavior as well as the role/relationship to the criminal justice process.
Course Outline: Using case law, students will discuss the separate elements of a crime, understand the typologies and causative factors for crime, evaluate the protective aspects of the US Constitution related to due process of law, and define and explain culpability as opposed to the elements of a crime.

Evaluation Procedures: Students enrolled for Spring 2019 will engage approximately six (6) examinations during the 2019 semester. The test will be true/false and multiple choice questions only. The final examination is a written exercise, and the exam dates/times will be announced along with other assignments and due dates in the classroom...These dates/assignments should be placed in your calendar.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT

No dates available, is a new Dallas County Community College District Policy which will require students to receive two (2) six (6) week reports about their progress in the courses that they are enrolled in. This is a policy, from the instructor’s prospective, that is arbitrary, and does not in any way support, clarify, or explain how students will become and/or be successful.

Extra Credit

In lieu of a final written examination, students will engage in, and become proficient in using Latin legal terms and concepts; the terms and concepts will be provided during the first week of the semester. The instructor will provide additional instructions at or near the Mid-term.

STUDENT ALERT: All students that are enrolled in the Fundamentals of Criminal Law course (CRIJ-1310) are heretofore forewarned that adult language, sexual explicit terms and depictions as well as sensitive issues related to race, gender, sexual preference and social class will be openly verbalized and discussed in the classroom, (these topics will be phrased in the “street vernacular”). Students that take issue/offense to this method of instruction MUST meet with the instructor immediately following class today.

Instructor Attendance Policy: (edit if needed)
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.

Grading Scale:

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Grading Grid:

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

Late Work Policy: Late Work will be assessed a 25 point deduction for each day that the assignment is late.

Makeup Exam Policy: No makeup exam or assignments will be permitted without a doctor’s excuse.

College Sponsored Events: Students are encouraged to join the Criminal Justice Club...Sponsor Drake.

Electronic Devices: Students are permitted to record the lecture/discussions in the classroom.

The withdraw date for this class is April 17, 2019.

CALENDAR REQUIRED
Each student will be required to develop an assignment and test date calendar; the purpose of the calendar is to train students as to how to properly maintain notes, time lines, and other assignment responsibilities in an organized manner.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS
All written assignments must be typed, and double-spaced. A page requirement will be provided as per each written assignment. Students that need assistance with critical analysis assignments are encouraged to visit the Mountain View College Library to review examples, or, go to any area of the college that is available to acquire the necessary writing-skills-assistance...Unless specifically asked, the instructor will not provide report writing assistance! Also note that any requested writing assistance made by a student to the instructor will only be provided after classes or during posted office hours.

Student Conference Day: TBA in class...The dates should be placed in your calendar

Disclaimer...Right to Change Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to change the course syllabus to address contemporary subjects/ issues without prior notice.

INCOMPLETE GRADE CONTRACTS...Students requesting an “I” must make the request in writing, however, to qualify to receive an “I” students must have completed 75% of the required coursework with a grade of “C” or better...This means that of five (5) 100 point exercises, the student must successfully complete 4 exercises with an average of “C” or better.

Academic Dishonesty: (edit if needed)
Students that are caught plagiarizing an assignment will be subject to an “F” in the course and possible expulsion from the college.
**Fairness Pledge**

Students will be provided with a test forgiveness clause: This forgiveness clause will allow students to drop their lowest score of six (6) exams, and allow the instructor to average their best five (5) remaining scores; the forgiveness clause also includes a missed exam wherein the student earns a zero (0) for a missed examination. A DOCTOR’S STATEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY TEST OR MAKEUP WRITING ASSIGNMENT(S)

*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/catalog/ss/code.cfm](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/code.cfm).

**Institution Policies:** Please visit [http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/Academics/Documents/Institutional%20Policies.pdf](http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/Academics/Documents/Institutional%20Policies.pdf) for a complete list of institutional policies (Stop Before You Drop; Withdrawal Policy; Repeating a Course; Financial Aid; Academic Dishonesty; Americans with Disabilities Act Statement; Religious Holidays; and Campus Emergency Operation Plan and Contingency Plan.).