



School of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Virtual Campus – Spring 2009  
Feb 23, 2009 – May 16, 2009

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**JUAD 3300VC01 Criminal Law  
COURSE SYLLABUS<sup>1</sup>**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A study of crimes against persons and property, parties to crimes, laws of arrest, search and seizure, laws of evidence, and criminal procedure.

**TEXTBOOK:** *CRIMINAL LAW*, 2<sup>ND</sup> edition, Hails Kaci, Judy (2001 Wadsworth Publishing). ISBN-10: 1928916120

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** understand and explain the criminal law system, the substantive criminal laws defining the crimes and rules of criminal procedure, to include the various Constitutional safeguards that apply to criminal law.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Daily access to computer, internet, e-mail and use Microsoft Word (doc) word processing software for all assignments. All communications and assignments are to be done online via the online course and/or e-mail

**EVALUATION AND GRADING:**

<u>Subject of Evaluation</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1. Discussion <sup>2</sup>	100	25%	A	90 – 100
2. Homework <sup>3</sup>	100	25%	B	80 - 89
3. Quizzes <sup>4</sup>	100	25%	C	70 - 79
4. Final Exam <sup>5</sup>	100	25%	D	60 – 69
Total	400	100%	F	Below 60
			I	Incomplete <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as may be needed from time to time.

<sup>2</sup> There are two parts to the Discussion Board Assignment: (a) posting a “criminal law” **Current Event (CE)** (“current” meaning = no earlier than 30 days from and before the date the CE is posted) and (b) posting a **Reply (RE)** to a classmate’s Current Event (CE) both in the format provided in the instructions set out on the Module 1 Discussion Board. Each student will be responsible doing two CEs and two RE postings. To this end the class is divided into two parts: odd and even-numbered students based on how each student appears on the class roster. Odd-numbered students post **CEs** in Modules 1 and 3 and post **REs** in Modules 2 and 4. Even-numbered students post **CEs** in Modules 2 and 4 and post **REs** in Modules 1 and 3. The Current Event (**CE**): (a) is a “Criminal” news event obtained from a news website on the internet (i.e., MSNBC, News.yahoo.com, etc) (b) where the student provides a written summary of the current event and further stating how it applies to the principles in the course and the text (with reference to page numbers in the text). The Reply (**RE**): (a) is a Reply comment posted as a “Reply” to a classmate’s **CE** and (b) where the student discusses the classmate’s **CE** and further stating how it applies to the principles in the course and the text (with reference to page numbers in the text). Each **CE** and **RE** is worth up to 25 points (for a total of 100 points for the Discussion Board Assignment).

<sup>3</sup> There are 10 Homework Exercises (HEs 1 through 10) each with five questions spread throughout the Modules in the course. The HEs will be placed in the homework area for student to download and answer as a word document. Each question is worth 2 points and each HE is worth 10 points for a total of 100 points for the course.

<sup>4</sup> There are a total of five quizzes worth 20 points each (for a total of 100 points). Each Module has a quiz.

<sup>5</sup> Final exam - This exam is composed of objective multiple questions.

<sup>6</sup> An incomplete will be given to a student who is passing, but has not completed some required work for reasons beyond the student's control

**ACADEMIC CONDUCT:** University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty.<sup>7</sup>

**SERVICES FOR DISABLED:** No otherwise qualified disabled person be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the University. See current catalog

**COURSE SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE:**

**Feb. 23 – March 15**

**Module One**

1. **Reading:** Online lectures and in text Chapter 1 - Introduction, Chapter 2 – Capacity to Commit Crime, and Chapter 3 – Elements of Criminal Responsibility.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and Reply (RE) on the Module 1 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 1 complete the quiz composed of 20 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

**March 16 – March 22**

**Spring Break**

**March 23–April 5**

**Module Two**

1. **Reading:** Online lectures and in text Chapter 4 – Criminal Homicide, Chapter 5 – Assault, Battery and Related Crimes, and Chapter 6 – Robbery, Extortion and Kidnapping.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and Reply (RE) on the Module 2 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 2 complete the Module 2 quiz composed of 20 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 4, 5 and 6.

**April 6 – April 19**

**Module Three**

1. **Reading:** Online lectures and in text and Chapter 7 – Sex Crimes, and Chapter 8 – Burglary, Larson, & Related Crimes
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and Reply (RE) on the Module 3 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 3 complete the Module 3 quiz composed of 20 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 7 and 8.

**April 20 – May 3**

**Module Four**

1. **Reading:** Online lectures and in text, and Chapter 9 – Crimes Against Property, Chapter 10 – Gambling, Drugs & Commercial Sex, and Chapter 11 – Other Crimes.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and Reply (RE) on the Module 4 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 4 complete the Module 4 quiz composed of 20 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 9, 10, and 11

**May 4 – May 16**

**Module Five**

1. **Reading:** Online lectures and in text Chapter 12 – Preparatory Crimes, Chapter 13 – Defenses that Negate Criminal Intent and Chapter 14 – Justifications for the Use of Force.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.

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<sup>7</sup> See current catalog for sanctions regarding academic misconduct. Academic misconduct includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery or plagiarism. Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as one's own work.

3. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 5 complete the Module 5 quiz composed of 20 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 12, 13 and 14.
4. **Final Exam:** Before the end of Module 5 complete the Course Final Exam composed of 100 objective-type questions taken from the material in the online lectures, quizzes and Chapters 1 through 14 in the course text.