



School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Virtual Campus – Summer 2009
May 26 – August 8

Mission: Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning and service to God and humankind.

JUAD 3300VC01 Criminal Law

COURSE SYLLABUS¹

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MISSION STATEMENT: To educate students in an academically challenging, learning- focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning, and service to God and humankind

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*, 2ND 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 ²	100	25%	A	90 – 100
2. Homework ³	100	25%	B	80 - 89
3. Quizzes ⁴	100	25%	C	70 - 79
4. <u>Final Exam⁵</u>	100	<u>25%</u>	D	60 – 69
Total	400	100%	F	Below 60
			I	Incomplete ⁶

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

² There are four (4) Discussion Assignments (DA), one in each of the first four modules (Module 5 does not have a DA assignment), composed of two-parts a Current Event (CE) and a Reply (RE) to the CE. One- half the class will post a current event (CE) about a "Criminal Law" news event, first citing the article's source, then summarizing the news article and then ending discussing the articles significance and relevance to the course, citing pages in the course text) and (b) the other half of the lass will post a substantive Reply (RE) to one of their classmate's current events (CE) discussing the article and the CE, their significance and relevance to the course, and again citing pages in the course text. Each CE and RE is worth up to 25 points (for a total of 100 points). Each student will be responsible for submitting two CEs and two REs during the course. For instructions on how to do a CE and a RE click on "Discussion Board" listed in on your menu. This will then take you to a page that will list all the Discussion Board assignments by Module, beginning with Module 1. Read the instructions under the Module 1 Discussion Board.

³ There are 10 Homework Exercises (HEs 1 through 10) each with five questions spread throughout the Modules in the course. The HEs will be place 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.

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

⁵ Final exam - This exam is composed of objective multiple questions.

⁶ 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.⁷

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:

May 26– June 14

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:** First-half of the class post a Current Event (CE) by **June 7th** and the second-half of the class post a Reply (RE) to a classmate's CE by **June 14th** 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.

June 15 –June 28

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:** Second-half of the class post a Current Event (CE) by **June 21st** and first-half of the class post a Reply (RE) to a classmate's CE by **June 28th** 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.

June 29 – July 12

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:** First-half of the class post a Current Event (CE) by **July 2nd** and second-half of the class post a Reply (RE) to a classmate's CE by **July 12th** 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.

July 13 – July 26

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:** Second-half of the class post a Current Event (CE) by **July 19th** and second-half of the class post a Reply (RE) to a classmate's CE by **July 26th** 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

July 27 – August 8

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.
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.

⁷ 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.