



School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Virtual Campus – Winter 2008

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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 Exam</u> ⁵ | 100 | 25% | 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 two parts to the Discussion Assignment: (a) the student is required to post their summary of a “criminal law” **Current Event** (CE) on the “Discussion Board” in each of the first four modules of the course; and (b) enter into and engage in discussion by posting one substantive **Reply** comment to a classmate’s current event on the “Discussion Board” in each of the first four modules of the course. The Current Event (CE): (a) is a “Criminology” news event obtained by the student 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). There are four CEs due, one for each of the first four modules of the course. Each CE is worth up to 15 points (for a total of 60 points) and the students’ substantive “Reply” comments for each of the first four modules are worth up to 10 points each (fa total of 40 points).

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:

Nov. 10– Nov. 30

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” on the Module 2 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module1 complete the quiz composed of 20 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

Dec. 1–Dec. 21

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” 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.

Dec 22 – Jan. 4

Christmas Holidays

Jan. 5 – Jan. 18

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” on the Module 2 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.

Jan. 19 – Feb. 1

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” on the Module 2 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

Feb. 2 – Feb. 14

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.