

CJ2533, Criminal Law

Credits 3 Lab Hours 0 Lecture Hours 3 Clinical Hours 0

Course Description

This course examines the history, scope and nature of law. It focuses on the parties to a crime; classification of offenses; criminal acts and intent; the capacity to commit crime; and criminal defenses. It will cover the elements of misdemeanor and felony crimes.

For each unit of credit, a minimum of three hours per week with one of the hours for class and two hours for studying/preparation outside of class is expected.

Program and/or Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Humanities and Social Sciences is to foster an appreciation of the role that the humanities and social sciences has played in the evolution of civilized society and to explore the ways that an understanding of theory and practice in philosophy, the social and behavioral sciences, the fine arts, and written and oral expression will enable students to participate thoughtfully in a global society.

Academic Year AY2024-25

SCCC Outcomes

Outcome #1: Read with comprehension, be critical of what they read, and apply knowledge gained from their reading to broader issues of the day.

Outcome #2: Communicate ideas clearly and proficiently in writing, appropriately adjusting content and arrangement for varying audiences, purposes, and situations.

Outcome #3: Communicate their ideas clearly and proficiently in speaking, appropriately adjusting content and arrangement for varying audiences, purposes, and situations

Outcome #5: Demonstrate the ability to think critically by gathering facts, generating insights, analyzing data, and evaluating information.

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of criminal law.

The student will demonstrate their understanding of the subject by demonstrating at least 70% competency of the topics to be covered, including:

1. Outline the basic tenets from which criminal law is derived
2. Use legal terminology
3. Interpret the principles of inchoate crimes: attempt, conspiracy, and solicitation
4. Compare crimes against public order, morals, and the state
5. Illustrate the general principles of criminal liability
6. Summarize the nature and limitations of defense to criminal liability
7. Compare crimes against persons
8. Examine the limitations of constitutional law
9. Explain vicarious liability and parties to crime
10. Compare crimes against property

Course Outline

1. Criminal Law: Purposes, Scope, and Sources
2. Homicide
3. Theft
4. Drug Abuse and Alcohol-Related Crimes

Instructional Methods

1. Lecture/Discussion
2. In-class assignments and exercises
3. Simulated situations

Instructional Resources and Materials

1. Textbook
2. DVD
3. Internet
4. Current events

Methods of Assessment

Methods of assessing SCCC and course outcomes include evaluation of tests, written assignments, and participation in class.

Outcome 1

Outcome 2

Outcome 3

Outcome 5

1. Will be assessed by class participation, writing assignments, and verbal discussion indicating comprehension of material read.
2. Will be assessed by various writing assignments over subject matter.
3. Will be assessed by verbal presentation of selected crimes or criminal cases.
4. Will be assessed by class presentations, essay, multiple choice, and true/false exams, and class discussions over subject matter.

SCCC Policy

Academic Calendar

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Final Exams

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Academic Integrity

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Technical Help

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Canvas Help: canvashelp@sccc.edu

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