

**Mayland Community College**  
**Welcomes you to:**  
**CJC 131.10**  
**Criminal Law**  
**Fall 2007**  
**3 Semester Hours and 3 Contact Hours**

**Course Description**

This course covers the history/evolution/principles and contemporary applications of criminal law. Topics include sources of substantive law classification of crimes, parties to crime, elements of crime, matters of criminal responsibility, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to discuss the sources of law and identify, interpret, and apply the appropriate statutes/elements.

**Prerequisites:** Reading 080    **Co requisites:** None

**Instructor information**

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**Course Information**

**Class Meets:** Tuesdays from 1:00PM until 3:50PM

**Required Text:** Criminal Law for the Criminal Justice  
Professional, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, Norman Garland,  
Glencoe McGraw-Hill

**LRC Resources:** North Carolina General Statutes

### **Course Objectives/Competencies:**

1. Upon completion the student will be able to discuss the sources of law and identify, interpret and apply the appropriate statutes/elements.
2. The student will be able to discuss the fundamentals of criminal law and the organization of the criminal justice system in the United States.
3. The student will be able to discuss the principles of substantive law to include:
  - a. Constitutional limitations on the prohibition of criminal conduct.
  - b. Elements of crimes and parties to crimes
  - c. Offenses against the person, property, public morality, Criminal responsibility and defenses

### **Grading Criteria/ Tests/Projects:**

This course will have four written exams that will make up 75% of the grade. The remaining 25% of the grade will be from homework, projects and classroom participation.

### **Grading Scale:**

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 70-79

F= Below 70

### **Academic Standards/Student Expectations/Ethics**

Students will maintain behavior consistent with a good learning environment. Academic dishonesty which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, or using notes on a test or submitting the academic work of another as one's own, is prohibited.

### **Withdrawal Dates:**

Unconditional Withdrawal – last day September 25, 2007

Conditional Withdrawal – November 1, 2007

**Important Dates:**

Fall Break: October 8 and 9

Last day of class December 11,2007

**Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR office or the Counseling center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then help determine which accommodations, if any the student needs for success in this course.**

## Course Outline/ Weekly Topics

Week 1 Introduction/Orientation

Week 2 Chapters 1 and 2

Week-3 Chapter 3

Week 4 Chapter 4

Week 5 Chapter 5 1<sup>st</sup> exam

Week 6 Chapter 6

Week 7 Chapter 7

Week 8 No Class fall break

Week 9 Chapter 8

Week 10 Chapter 9 2<sup>nd</sup> exam

Week 11 Chapter 10

Week 12 Chapter 11

Week 13 Chapter 13 3<sup>rd</sup> exam

Week 14 Chapter 14

Week 15 Chapter 15 and 16

Week 16- 4<sup>th</sup> exam