

**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Welcomes You To:**  
**CJC 131.20**  
**CRIMINAL LAW**  
**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 crimes, 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

**Corequisites:** None

**Instructor Information**

**Instructor:** William Donald Edwards  
**Office Location:** Mayland Community College - Public Safety Building  
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**Office Hours:** available upon request

**Course Information**

**CLASS MEETS:** Monday 6:00 – 8:50 PM

**Required Text(s):** Criminal Law, Third Edition, Rollin M. Perkins,  
Foundation Press

**LRC Resources:** North Carolina General Statutes

**Required supplies:** none

**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. Inchoate Offenses
  - d. Offenses against the person, property, public morality, public health and environment.
  - e. Criminal responsibility and defenses.

**Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work:**

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. Absence in excess of 10 percent of the total hours (4.8) may result in a letter grade reduction. Students are requested to contact the instructor when it is known that an absence(s) will be necessary. In emergencies, the instructor may make exceptions to this policy.

**Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:**

Students are expected to read the text in accordance with the attached course outline. Examinations will be administered as indicated in the course outline. Examinations cover reading assignments, class lectures and audiovisual presentations.

Unannounced quizzes will be administered periodically. Students may arrange to make up missed examinations provided arrangements are made with the instructor.

Unannounced quizzes will not be made up. Missed quizzes will be recorded as a zero.

A term paper (research paper) is required for this course. Instructions for term paper preparation will be provided in a supplement, which will be given to the student the second week of class. Examinations will account for 80% of the course grade, quizzes will account for 10% and the research paper will account for 10% of the semester grade.

**Grading Scale:**

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- F = below 70

**Inclement Weather Procedures:**

Check to see if night classes have been cancelled.

**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 collaborating on a test, or submitting the academic work of another as one's own, is prohibited.

**Withdrawal Dates:**

**Spring 2006**

End of Unconditional Withdrawal	Monday, February 13, 2006
End of Conditional Withdrawal	Monday, March 27, 2006

**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

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> 1. Scope, Purpose, Definition and Classification 2. The Common Law 3. Criminal Jurisdiction	<b>1 - 38</b>
<b>2-4</b>	<b>OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON</b> Quiz – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week  <b>EXAMINATION #1</b>	<b>46-238</b>
<b>5-6</b>	<b>OFFENSES AGAINST HABITATION AND OCCUPANCY</b> 1. Burglary 2. Arson	<b>246-273</b>
<b>7-11</b>	<b>OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY</b>  <b>EXAMINATION #2</b>	<b>289-442</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>453-498</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>IMPUTABILITY</b>	<b>605-769</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY: IN GENERAL</b>	<b>826-932</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY: LIMITATIONS ON CRIMINAL CAPACITY</b> <b>RESPONSIBILITY: MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	<b>936-1088</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	