

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:
CJC 131-95
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

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Course Information

CLASS MEETS: Internet

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.

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Students are expected to read the text in accordance with the online directives. All assignments are required on the due dates, **NO EXCEPTIONS. If work is turned in late, the instructor must be informed as to the reason for it being late. Only in rare emergency situations will there be a need for work to be turned in late.** The course is provided in the module format with assignments attached to each module. There will be approximately 5 modules and several assignments provided within the module. A detailed explanation of each assignment will be given on the course website. Grading will be determined by content of information provided through the assignments, timeliness of getting assignments in, and overall course management. Each assignment will be graded on the 100 point scale.

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

Withdrawal Dates:

Fall 2006

Unconditional withdrawal - September 22, 2006

Conditional withdrawal - October 30, 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

TOPIC

INTRODUCTION

1. Scope, Purpose, Definition and Classification
2. The Common Law
3. Criminal Jurisdiction

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

OFFENSES AGAINST HABITATION AND OCCUPANCY

1. Burglary
2. Arson

OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

OTHER OFFENSES

IMPUTABILITY

RESPONSIBILITY: IN GENERAL

**RESPONSIBILITY: LIMITATIONS ON CRIMINAL
CAPACITY**

RESPONSIBILITY: MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES