

CLASS SYLLABUS

CJS K211 – CRIMINAL LAW I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course provides an over view of U.S. criminal law. Ethical implications will be discussed. At the conclusion of this course the student is expected to:

1. Have obtained a thorough understanding of the basic vocabulary of criminal law.
2. Have obtained a thorough knowledge of the history and principles governing criminal law in the United States; and,
3. Be able to analyze unique factual settings and correctly apply governing principles using correct vocabulary.

REQUIRED TEXT

Pollock, Jocelyn M., **Criminal Law**. 11th ed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Examination No. 1	20% of grade (200 points)
Examination No. 2	20% of grade (200 points)
Examination No. 3	20% of grade (200 points)
Examination No. 4	20% of grade (200 points)
Attendance	20% of grade (200 points)
Case Briefs	10% of grade (100 points)

Although the total number of points available is 1100, student grades are determined using a 1000 point scale resulting in a built-in 100 extra credit points

GENERAL POLICIES

Assignments. There is only one homework assignment for this class. However, the instructor reserves the right to give quizzes and/or written assignments at his discretion which may be factored into the course grade. STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN CURRENT ON THEIR READING ASSIGNMENTS.

Attendance. Attendance counts. Students are expected to attend classes as scheduled. Attendance will normally be taken once each class. If present when attendance is taken you receive credit for the entire class; and, if not present when attendance is taken you do not receive any credit for the day. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to begin at the scheduled start time.

Case Briefs. Every student is required to provide immediately before the last exam five (5) written case briefs. Cases selected are left to the discretion of the student. All case briefs must be

uploaded to the student's Digication portfolio and hard copy evidence of this must be submitted when the case briefs are handed in. Case briefs must meet the standards set forth separately.

Class Participation. Class participation counts. Students are expected to actively participate and make a positive contribution to the class.

Disabilities. Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodation upon request. If you believe you need accommodation please see the appropriate college officials before an immediate need arises. The instructor has no authority to grant a reasonable accommodation.

Cell Phones and Texting. Cell phone calls and text messaging are banned from the class. Please make certain your phone is OFF at the start of each class. Disruptions by such devices will not be tolerated.

Cheating. Cheating is not tolerated. There are no second chances.

Changes. This syllabus is a guideline ONLY. The instructor reserves the right to change the provisions of this syllabus and/or course content at any time.

E-Portfolio. All students are required to create and maintain a Digication e-portfolio using the college template. Additional details and instructions are available on the college website.

Extra Credit. THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT WORK beyond what is built-in by means of the case briefs.

Make-up Exams. As a general policy, make-up exams are not permitted absent extreme circumstances and REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE, all at the discretion of the instructor.

Sexual Misconduct. The Board of Regents for Higher Education and Connecticut State Colleges and Universities maintain a policy regarding sexual misconduct reporting, support services and processes. For details go to: <http://ct.edu/files/pdfs/hr-policy-sexual-misconduct-pdfs>

Study Groups. Students are encouraged to join together in study groups outside of class time.

GRADING SCALE

Total Course Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
940-1000	94-100%	A
900-939	90-93%	A-
870-899	87-89%	B+
840-869	84-87%	B
800-839	80-83%	B-
770-799	77-79%	C+
740-769	74-76%	C
700-739	70-73%	C-
670-699	67-69%	D+
640-669	64-66%	D
600-639	60-63%	D-
599 and below	59% and below	F