

Three Rivers Community College  
Fall 2015  
CJS K211-T1 Criminal Law 1  
SYLLABUS\*

**Instructor:** Jeffrey Nixon

**Course:** CJS K211-T1 Criminal Law 1

**Meeting Times:** Friday 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm

**Classroom:** D122

**Office Location & Hours:** By appointment @ TRCC or other public facility.

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**Required Textbook:** Criminal Law," Pollock, Joycelyn ISBN- 978-1-59345-504-0

**Course Description:** This course involves comprehensive study of sources, distinctions, and limitations relating to criminal law; the development of criminal law in the United States; the principles of criminal liability; various crimes and their elements; and the criteria considered in determining capacity and defenses. Connecticut Penal Code is used to relate Model Penal Code and Common Law materials specifically to Connecticut. Case studies and briefs are used to emphasize the acts, the mental state, and the attendant circumstances that are necessary ingredients in proving crimes.

**Course Outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

1. Recognize and apply codified resources in the study of criminal law, to include but not limited to common law foundations, federal and state code, ordinances, other regulatory acts and case law.
2. Identify elements of criminal conduct and make review of requisite circumstances in establishment of probable cause findings and limitations related to criminal law.
3. Compare and contrast Connecticut Penal Code, Model Penal Code and Common Law materials specifically to Connecticut.
4. Analyze case studies and briefs used to emphasize the acts, the mental state, and the attendant circumstances that are necessary ingredients in proving criminal liability.
5. Apply criteria considered in determining levels of intent, capacity and defenses in matters of criminal law.
6. Prepare written and oral argument regarding facts & circumstances presented and application of specific code(s) of criminal conduct.

**Attendance:**

- Students are expected to attend all classes. If a student misses classes, he or she will not be able to make up Exams/ Tests/ Quizzes.
- Class begins promptly; please avoid being late or leaving early (materials supplemented with classroom discussion).
- It is the students' responsibility to find out what he or she missed.
- Late/ missed assignments will not be accepted without prior approval of instructor (if accepted, late work will result in reduced grade)
- Students who miss 3 or more classes are recommended to withdraw from course,

(Weather Cancellations):

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[www.trcc.commnet.edu](http://www.trcc.commnet.edu) or [www.threerivers.edu](http://www.threerivers.edu) (Announcement posted on main page).

**Technology:**

During class, turn off your cell phone or other electronic equipment. Repeated violation/ disruption will result in removal from class and/ or course participation.

Students are expected to have access to a computer outside of class in order to complete required assignments.

**Digication:**

All students are required to maintain a learning portfolio in Digication that uses the (Three Rivers) College Template.

**Grading:**

Grading will be based on the following criteria: Below 60% = F range, 60-69.5% = D- to D+ range, 70-79.5% = C- to C+ range, 80-89.5% = B- to B+ range, above 90% = A- to A+ range.

Grading will be determined as follows:

Quizzes:	25%
Exams:	25%
Writing Assignments:	40%
Attendance/ participation:	10%

**Assignments/ Readings/ Academic Events:**

Participants in this course will be required to complete all readings prior to class in order to participate in discussion and class activities. A separate reading list will be provided. ALL supplemental reading materials will be provided by the instructor, or readily available in electronic format. One off-campus class session will be scheduled in New London County (2 weeks pre-announced notice) in coordination with the course of study.

**College Withdrawal Policy:** A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course once class has met must provide notice to the Registrar. Simply, fill out the withdrawal form and give it to the Registrar's office. Withdrawal forms are available at the Registrar's office and at the office at the sub-base. Non-punitive "W" grades are assigned to withdrawal requests. An Instructor's signature is required after the deadline has passed. No withdrawals are permitted after the last class preceding the final exam. Students who do not obtain an official withdrawal, but simply stop attending class receive an "F" grade for the course.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic integrity is essential to a useful education. Failure to act with academic integrity severely limits a person's ability to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Furthermore, academic dishonesty erodes the legitimacy of every degree awarded by the College. In this class and in the course of your academic career, present only your own best work; clearly document the sources of the material you use from others; and act at all times with honor. Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are serious offenses. Dishonesty in written work may result in an F for the course, and any occurrence of plagiarism will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students for possible disciplinary action. If you have any questions about how to incorporate the words and ideas of others into your writing, please ask me.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of another person's words or ideas in your writing. If you use any ideas, thoughts, writing, quotes, or even paraphrase some other writer's thinking, you must acknowledge that person. Whether conscious or unconscious, plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Consequences for plagiarism can range from failing the assignment to failing the course.

**Disabilities:** If you have a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please meet with a Disability Service Provider (DSP) as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations

### **TRCC Disabilities Service Providers**

Counseling & Advising Office; Room A-119

cannot be provided until you provide written authorization from a DSP.

#### **Matt Liscum (860) 215-9265**

- ☐ Physical Disabilities
- ☐ Sensory Disabilities
- ☐ Medical Disabilities
- ☐ Mental Health Disabilities

#### **Chris Scarborough (860) 215-9289**

- ☐ Learning Disabilities
- ☐ ADD/ADHD
- ☐ Autism Spectrum

*\*The instructor reserves the right to amend/ modify the syllabus and assignments to best meet the learning objectives of this course. J. Nixon*