**SYLLABUS**

**CRIMINAL LAW-CRSE # 530**

**SPRING 2018**

**PROFESSOR A. WALKER**

**COURSE: Criminal Law-530**

**SECTION: 3**

**ROOM: 203**

**TIME: M.W.F. 2:00-2:50 P.M.**

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**OFFICE HOURS: M.W.F-12:00-1:00 P.M. and 3:00-4:00 P.M.**

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Criminal Law and Procedure (Thirteenth Edition, Latest Edition)

 R.N. Boyce D.A. Dripps and R.M. Perkins)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Criminal law is a three credit course (spring) which is designed to give first year students a complete understanding of all aspects of the criminal justice system.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

To effectively present the elements of substantive criminal law to first year students in both the general concepts and the particular categories of criminal law.

To provide the students with a carefully structured history and principals of the English, American Common Law, Model Penal Code and Texas Penal Code.

To enable the law student to master statutory material, theory, policy, and practical consideration in the study of criminal law.

Students are expected to have a complete understanding of the following areas related to Criminal Law.

\*Homicide/Intended and Unintended Killings

\*Other Crimes/Larceny and related crimes/Burglary/Rape/Assault/Arson/Kidnapping/Robbery

\*Inchoate Crimes/Parties

\*Acts and omission/State of mind

\*Responsibility

\*Causation/Justification/Excuse

**GRADES ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Examination I-Essay 10%

Examination II-Multi State 10%

Examination III-Multi State 10%

Examination IV-Multi State 20%

Final Examination-Comprehensive 50%

TOTAL 100%

**\*Office Hours:**

**M.W.F.: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00**

**\*Students may also schedule a conference by appointment**

**\*Exam Dates may change due to coverage of material**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Class attendance and participation are **mandatory.**

**(See Student Rules of Matriculation for details on absences)**

**DAY DATE READING ASSINGMENTS**

Monday January, 8, 2018 Pg. 1-100

Wednesday January, 10, 2018 Pg. 109-178

Friday January, 12, 2018 Pg. 178-214

**Monday January, 15, 2018 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday**

Wednesday January, 17, 2018 Pg. 215-250; (503-517)

Friday January, 19, 2018 Pg. 250-304; (517-546)

Monday January, 22, 2018 Pg. 304-330; (547-572)

Wednesday January, 24, 2018 Pg. 331-358 (573-583)

Friday January, 26, 2018 Pg. 359-386

Monday January, 29, 2018 Pg. 387-408

Wednesday January, 31, 2018 Pg. 409-432

Friday February 2, 2018 Pg. 433-460

Monday February 5, 2018 Pg. 460-501

Wednesday February 7, 2018 Pg. 503-541

Friday February 9, 2018 Pg. 541-572

Monday February 12, 2018 Pg. 572-598

Wednesday February 14, 2018 Pg. 598-624

**Friday** February 16, 2018 **Exam I**

Monday February 19, 2018 Pg. 624-643

Wednesday February 21, 2018 Pg. 643-660

Friday February 23, 2018 Pg. 661-685

Monday February 26, 2018 Pg. 685-698

Wednesday February 28, 2018 Pg. 699-717

Friday March 2, 2018 Pg. 717-729

Monday March 5, 2018 Pg. 729-741

Wednesday March 7, 2018 Pg. 741-761

**Friday March 9, 2018 Midterm Exam**

**March 12, 2018 thru March 16, 2018 Spring Break**

Monday March 19, 2018 Pg. 761-783

Wednesday March 21, 2018 Pg. 783-806

Friday March 23, 2018 Pg. 807-818

Monday March 26, 2018 Pg. 819-848

Wednesday March 28, 2018 Pg. 848-879

**Friday March 30, 2018 Good Friday**

Monday April 2, 2018 Pg. 879-919

Wednesday April 4, 2018 Pg. 919-951

**Friday** April 6, 2018 **Exam III**

Monday April 9, 2018 Pg. 951-1002

Wednesday April 11, 2018 Pg. 1003-1039

Friday April 13, 2018 Pg. 1040-1074

Monday April 16, 2018 Pg. 1075-1101

Wednesday April 18, 2018 Pg. 1101-1141

**Friday April 20, 2018 Exam IV**

**Monday April 23, 2018 Review**

**Wednesday April 25, 2018 Review**

**April 26, 2018 thru April 29, 2018 Reading Period (No Class**)

**\*FINAL EXAMS: April 30, 2018 THRU May 11, 2018\***

**\* DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED\***

**GRADES:**

There are 4 exams given throughout the term with the exception of the comprehensive exam. One exam is essay format and the remaining three are multi-state choice format.

The combination of these four scores makes up 50% of your grade. The remaining 50% consists of the comprehensive exam consisting of 60 multi-states. This is a Uniform Exam give to all sections.

**CLASS RULES:**

**Absences:** Per the rules of matriculation, students are allowed 5 unexcused

 absences.

**Tardiness:** Classes begin promptly at the scheduled time.

**Participation: Students** are expected to prepare for every class. This means all

 assigned cases should be read and briefed, **BY YOU.** Briefs will

 be turned in periodically during the semester.

**Tutorials** Tutorials will be offered on a weekly basis. Attendance will be taken and will be noted for grading purposes.

**Computers and cellular devices are not allowed in the classroom unless special circumstances exist.**