



STARK STATE COLLEGE

GENERAL SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Name: Criminal Law in the United States
Course Number: CJS222

Required Materials

Textbook(s): Joel Samaha, Criminal Law (12th ed.) Cengage 2017
Required Readings: See weekly calendar below
Additional Materials: Optional materials are posted on the LMS

Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 1, Criminal Law and Punishment in U.S. Society
2	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 3, The Criminal Act: The First Principle of Criminal Liability
3	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 3 (continued)
4	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 4, The General Principles of Criminal Liability: <i>Mens Rea</i> , Concurrence, Ignorance, and Mistake
5	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 4 (continued)
6	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 9, Crimes Against Persons I: Murder and Manslaughter
7	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 9 (continued)
8	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 10, Crimes Against Persons II: Sex Offenses, Bodily Injury, and Personal Restraint
9	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 10 (continued)
10	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 11, Crimes Against Property
11	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 12, Crimes Against Public Order and Morals
12	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 2, Constitutional Limits on Criminal law
13	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 2 (continued)
14	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 5, Defenses to Criminal Liability I: Justifications
15	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 6, Defenses to Criminal Liability II: Excuses
16	Comprehensive Final Examination