**CRIMINOLOGY-6-52527**

**Criminal Law (3 units)**

**Spring 2023**

**01/09/2023 - 05/19/2023**

**MWF 9am-9:50am (CCI 204)**

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**TTH 12:15 – 3PM**

**Course Description:** This online course introduces students to Criminal Law offers an analysis of the history and the philosophy of criminal liability in the United States, as well as an understanding of the classification of crimes against property and persons. This course discusses the most frequently used criminal statutes in the United States as well as those most used in the state of California.

**ADVISORIES: Eligibility for English 1A**  **Course Credits/Class Hours: 3**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the semester it is expected that the student will:

1. Assemble the various historical and developmental concepts of the criminal statutes into a logical sequence.

2. Identify, define, and differentiate various crimes by means of the elements of those crimes.

3. Evaluate a given set of facts and then determine which crimes, if any, have been committed.

4. Compare crimes in terms of classification (infraction, misdemeanor or felony) in order to demonstrate the appropriate response in the field relative to the type and amount of force to be used in apprehension

5. Interpret and apply familiarity with appropriate California codes (penal, health and safety, welfare and institutions, and vehicle).

6. Interpret and use the vocabulary of the legal profession.

**Learning Objectives:**

In the process of completing this course, students will:

1. Discuss the goals and characteristics of criminal law.

2. Discuss the philosophical and historical evolution of criminal law, noting the role of the judiciary in its development.

3. Use inductive and deductive reasoning, to identify, define and differentiate various crimes by their elements in connection to crimes against persons, property, morals, and public welfare.

4. Evaluate given facts and determine the crimes (if any) which have been committed by linking theory to fact, recognizing the severity of the offense.

5. Critically analyze various components of our system of criminal law including the ability to understand such legal concepts as the capacity to commit crimes, causation and culpability of crimes.

6. Demonstrate the ability to understand the basic terminology, definitions and theories of criminal law.

7. Explain and discuss criminal defense, legal justification, and burdens of proof.

**Required Text and Materials**:

**Important Note**: Assignments are embedded in the required textbook. Students are encouraged to purchase or familiarize themselves with the campus resources available to them early on. Such acquisition of the required materials will increase the likelihood of successfully completing the course. While your instructor understands the cost of textbooks can be significant, the text selected for this course will afford you a greater opportunity to develop an appropriate understanding of the course learning objectives and therefore strengthen your learning and retention of the material.

* “Peace Officer’s Guide to Criminal Law”, 27th edition, Author – Payton, George and Guffey, James, ISBN 9780997670639 (available at campus bookstore).

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** Reedley College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you would like to request any accommodation for this course, please contact the Coordinator of Disabilities at (559) 638-3641 (**DSP&S**: www.reedleycollege.edu/student-services/disabled-student-programs-and-services/index.html). A copy of the appropriate form, Notification of Authorized Services, needs to be submitted to the instructor – preferably within the first two weeks of the semester.

**Zero tolerance policy for Disruptive conduct in the classroom**

* The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity.
* The instructor can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.
* Disruptive behavior in the classroom that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment. This includes cell phone use during class.
* The use of cell phones and other electronic devices in the classroom will be at the instructor’s discretion. Minimizing the distraction to the instructor and students will factor into the instructor’s decision to allow the use of such devices.

**Academic Integrity Statement**

* Students guilty of academic dishonesty, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance, are responsible to the instructor of the class. Academic dishonesty is defined as, but not limited to, plagiarism and cheating.
* At the discretion of the instructor, students who cheat or steal work from another source will be subject to significant consequences, to include failure of the assignment and/or course.
  + Cheating - is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from another's work, supplying one's work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without the instructor's permission.
  + Plagiarism - is a specific form of cheating: the use of another's words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved.
  + See the Reedley College Catalog for further information regarding cheating and plagiarism.
* Additional disciplinary sanctions may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures because of academic misconduct.

**Sexual Harassment**

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment or education, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or education, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or education environment. This includes any online harassment.

**Disclaimer:**

Due to the nature and reality of work in the criminal justice system, real life examples, verbal and non-verbal expression and role-playing by the instructor may be used to demonstrate to students important learning points. These examples are not meant to demean or insult any group or individual, but simply to give students an understanding of the reality that exists in this profession and prepare them to deal with different types of people and situations in a professional manner.

**Help:**

If you are having trouble in this class due a change in life circumstances or something you do not understand please see the instructor immediately. There are a number of services available to assist you at Reedley College. **Your success in this class is very important to me** and I will work with you to assist you in succeeding in this course. However, you must remember that success in this course cannot happen without you doing everything you need to do to succeed. (See keys to successful course completion.)

**Course changes:**

The instructor reserves the right to make changes on this syllabus, but will discuss these changes and their implications to the students before they are implemented. Please review this course in Canvas and check your e-mail daily as I regularly use these methods to communicate information to students.

**Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend every class. There will be in-class assignments, quizzes and class discussions. There will be no make-ups for missed assignments. Students who miss the first day of class will be dropped. Students who miss more than two weeks of class will be dropped unless the instructor is notified in advance. There will be no make-ups for missed exams, quizzes, or tests. Ultimately, it is the student’s responsibility to officially drop a class in which he/she no longer wishes to be enrolled. Be mindful of the drop dates listed in the Catalog and the final drop date halfway through the semester.

**Keys to successful online course completion:**

This class is designed to provide the student with a positive learning experience and to give them valuable knowledge that will benefit them in a career in criminal justice. I see every student as exceptionally valuable and encourage them to do their best to succeed. I will be there for you to help you achieve this success.

1. Do something with your class every day. Do not allow yourself to fall behind.
2. Ask questions when you are unsure of the material. Contact me e-mail or phone.
3. **Carefully** read all assigned chapters.
4. Make good notes of the material you review and are presented.
5. Participate actively and thoughtfully in class work.
6. Get assignments done on time.
7. Study and prepare for exams.
8. Take advantage of any extra credit opportunities given to the class.
9. Seek my assistance when you are struggling with learning a topic for added assistance.

**Office Hours**

* 1. You can call me at 559 638-0300, extension 3181, Monday through Friday, from 1pm to 4pm.
  2. You can email me 24/7 and during the school year I’m pretty good at getting back to students within 24 hours and usually much sooner. If you have questions, please ask. That is part of the reason I am here. In your email, make sure you write the Crim. Class you are taking.

1. E-mail and Canvas announcements
   1. You are responsible for checking your e-mail and Canvas announcements daily. This is a must for an online class. I do not want you to miss something important.

**Student Resources:**

Reedley College, in an effort to provide you the best possible education this semester, if offering a variety of services to you.

1. This link is to a video explaining tutorial resources available to you <https://youtu.be/xvRD7kSJNhs>
2. Making technology available to you, including laptops and MiFi hotspots. First come first served <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/news/2020/technology-checkout-fall-2020.html>
3. Counseling and advising <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/index.html>

More resources available and updated regularly on the Reedley College home page.

**Semester Outline:** (COR = Course Outline of Record)

Week #1

Introductions – Review of Syllabus

Chapter #1-General Aspects of California Criminal Law (COR A, B and C1,2,3)

Written Assignment.

Week #2

Chapter #1 – General Aspects of California Criminal Law

Chapter 1 quiz

Week #3

Chapter # 2 Laws of Arrest (COR D&E)

Weekly 2 Assignments (written assignment & Chapter 2 quiz)

Week #4

Chapter #3 Homicide (COR C4)

Weekly Assignments 3 - (written assignment & Chapter 3 quiz)

Week #5

Chapter #4 Crimes of Restraint, Robbery and Extortion (COR C4)

Weekly Assignments 4 - (written assignment & Chapter 4 quiz)

Week #6

Chapter #5- Types of Assault and Mayhem (COR C4)

Weekly Assignments 6 - (written assignment & Chapter 5 quiz)

Week #7

Chapter #6 Sex Offenses (COR C5)

Weekly Assignments 7 - (written assignment & Chapter 6 quiz)

Week #8

Chapter #7 Crimes against Public Justice, Health, Welfare and Morals (COR C6)

Weekly Assignments 8 -(written assignment & Chapter 7 quiz)

Week #9 Midterm

Week #10

Chapter #8-Civil Disorder and Crimes against Public Peace (COR C7)

Weekly Assignments 10 - (written assignment & Chapter 8 quiz)

Week #11

Chapter #9 Crimes against Administration of Justice and Emergency Services (COR C7)

Weekly Assignment - (written assignment & Chapter 9 quiz)

Week #12

Chapter #10 Burglary and Arson (COR C9)

Weekly Assignment 12 - (written assignment & Chapter 10 quiz)

Week#13

Chapter #11 – Theft and Related Offenses (COR C9)

Weekly Assignment 13 - (written assignment & Chapter 11 quiz)

Week#14

Chapter #12 - Forgery and Checks (COR C8)

Weekly Assignments 13 - (written assignment & Chapter 12 quiz)

Week #15 – Research Paper due

Week#16

Chapter #13 – Miscellaneous Offenses (COR C10)

Weekly Assignments - (written assignment & Chapter 13 quiz)

Week#17

Chapter #14 – Control of Dangerous Weapons (COR C10)

Written Assignment – reflection

Week# 18 May 15th – 19th (Finals Week)

**Course Requirements:**

All assignments are expected to be submitted on the day/time due. Because this an online course and you will have a full week to complete an assignment, I will not accept late work or exams. You must get your work done by the end of the week the assignment or exam is expected to be completed. **Your grade will be based on successful completion of the following:**

1. ***Weekly Assignments:*** Most weeks you will be given a weekly assignment which must be completed during the week (written assignment / Chapter quiz). These weekly assignments will be scored.

Weekly assignments are worth a total of 400 points.

1. ***Exams\*:*** You will have weekly exams, a midterm and a final.
2. ***Research Paper : 50 points***

**Grading Criteria/Scale**:

Weekly Assignments *400* points

Exams *50 for midterm and 50 points for the final*

Research Paper *50 points*

550 Total Points

Grade Scale:

90 – 100% = A

80 – 89% = B

70 – 79% = C

60 – 69% = D

00 – 59% = F

IMPORTANT DATES:

DATE DAY EVENT / DEADLINE

January 9 (M) Start of Spring 2023 semester

January 9- March 10 (M-F) Short-term classes, first nine weeks

January 16 (M) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed (no

classes held, campus closed)

January 20 (F) Last day to drop a Spring 2023 full-term

class for a full refund

January 27 (F) Last day to drop a Spring 2023 full term

class in person to

avoid a “W”

February 17 (F) Lincoln Day observance (no classes held,

campus closed)

February 20 (M) Washington Day observance (no classes held,

campus closed)

March 10 (F) Last day to drop a Spring 2023 full term class

(letter grades assigned after this date)

March 13 - May 19 (M-F) Short-term classes, second

nine weeks

April 3-6 (M-Th) Spring recess (no classes held,

campus open)

April 7 (F) Good Friday observance (no classes held,

campus closed) (classes reconvene April 10)

May 15-19 (M-F) Spring 2023 final exams week

May 19 (F) End of Spring 2023 semester/ commencement

May 29 (M) End of Spring 2023 semester/ commencement