

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1152

Criminal Law

This is an information sheet only, not the course syllabus.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An overview of the development of criminal law and the principles of accountability. This includes a review and analysis of substantive criminal law, the necessary elements of a variety of crimes and related criminal defenses. Prerequisite: None. (3 credit hours)

COURSE MATERIALS

Text: *Criminal Law*, 2008, Ninth Edition, Samaha, Joel, Thomson Wadsworth (a/k/a Cengage Learning). If the text is purchased from a local bookstore it will come bundled with a supplement and the **ISBN will be: 0495436364**. For the textbook alone the **ISBN will be: 495095397**.

References: LexisNexis *Illinois Criminal and Traffic Law Manual*. This year's edition may be purchased at the option of the student.
The Constitution of the United States of America

EVALUATION/GRADING

The final grade for the course will be based upon total points accumulated throughout the term. A maximum of 400 points may be earned as follows: four exams totaling 200 points; 13 assignments totaling 130 points; a course project worth 50 points; and 20 points for discussion board participation. The grading scale is listed below:

Grade	Points
A	360 – 400 points
B	320 – 359 points
C	280 – 319 points
D	240 – 279 points
F	0 – 239 points

COURSE OUTLINE

Analyze the foundations of criminal justice in the United States. Critically analyze substantive criminal law, with an emphasis on Illinois law. Introduction to law enforcement and procedural criminal law.

The course is divided into units that consist of multiple chapters. There will be an exam at the end of each unit and assignments for most chapters. The course project will be due in the second half of the term. Discussion board points may be earned throughout the term.

SATISFACTORY/FAIL OPTION

The S/F grade option is available to students in this course. Contact the instructor or refer to the syllabus for details and conditions.

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

The Incomplete grade option is not available in this course.