



Course Description

CJL1100 | Criminal Law | 3.00 credits

Historical background and foundations of American criminal law, including United States Constitutional requirements, Federal and State court organization and jurisdiction, criminal law basics, Florida statutes, rules of evidence and procedure.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will discuss the legal foundations of criminal justice by:

1. Reviewing the foundation and purpose of criminal law and procedure
2. Differentiating between the sources of criminal law
3. Interpreting the constitutional limitations of criminal law

Competency 2: The student will discuss substantive criminal law by:

1. Evaluating the power to enact and amend criminal statutes
2. Reviewing bills of attainder and ex post facto laws
3. Discussing the standards of judicial review and its impact on the criminal justice system

Competency 3: The student will analyze the elements of crimes and parties to crimes by:

1. Identifying Actus Reus and Mens Rea
2. Examine causation and concurrence to establish criminal liability
3. Evaluating and analyzing strict liability offenses
4. Differentiating between the liability of criminal defendants from common law and the modern-day

Competency 4: The student will define inchoate offenses by:

1. Identifying attempted crimes of murder, robbery, sexual assault, etc
2. Examining the elements of criminal solicitation
3. Differentiating between common law and modern-day interpretation of criminal conspiracy
4. Analyzing defenses to the charge of inchoate offenses

Competency 5: The student will compare common law and the modern-day approach to criminal offenses by:

1. Analyzing violent crimes against persons, including murder, robbery, sexual battery, and assault
2. Identifying property crimes, including burglary, arson, larceny, and motor vehicle theft
3. Determining crimes against morality, including prostitution, gambling, and adultery
4. Examining modern-day statutes related to drugs and alcohol
5. Identifying and reviewing the legal principles of governing white-collar crimes

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society