

CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law
Fall 2021 MWF 8-8:50 am at RAS 103

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MAIN TEXTBOOK FOR PURCHASE:

Frank Schmalleger, & Daniel E. Hall (2017). *Criminal Law Today* (6th Ed.), Pearson

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Topics for this course include a study of the nature of criminal law, philosophical and historical development, major definitions and concepts, classification of crime, elements of crimes and penalties using Texas statutes as illustrations, criminal responsibility.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

As a result of completing this course, the student will be able to:

- Gain and comprehend each theoretical development, causal logic, empirical studies and criticism of the major theories.
- Develop skill in analyzing and comparing theories in light of the comprehensive theoretical knowledge.
- Do an on-line assignment by analyzing and applying the acquired theoretical knowledge to the contemporary social phenomena.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The professor expects that each student regularly and promptly attends class sessions. A student who is absent for a class session must be responsible for matter discussed in that particular session.

This class is a hybrid class. Solely based on your attendance in traditional classes, **FIVE or More time absences will have a negative impact on the total 100 points of class participation and attendance:**

1. **Fifth** time absence → a deduction of **10** points
2. **Sixth** time absence → a deduction of **20** points
3. **Seventh** time absence → a deduction of **30** points
4. **Eighth** time absence → a deduction of **40** points
5. **Ninth** time absence → a deduction of **50** points
6. **Tenth** time absence → a deduction of **60** points
7. **Eleventh** time absence → a deduction of **70** points
8. **Twelfth** time absence → a deduction of **80** points
9. **Thirteenth** time absence → a deduction of **90** points
10. **Fourteenth** time absence → a deduction of **100** points

Note that irrespective of any academic achievement, students with FIFTEENTH or More time absences will receive a final grade of F.

However, if the professor is informed in advance of an unavoidable absence, it will be alright. Also, it should be noted that without informing the professor of leaving a class, his or her leaving during the class session will be considered as an absence.

GRADING POLICY:

Student learning outcomes will be assessed using attendance, quizzes, a Midterm Exam and a Final Exam:

Class Attendance	100 points
Online Quizzes A total of 7 quizzes (all multiple choice questions) will be given throughout the semester.	140 points (possible points 20 per quiz)
Online Midterm Exam The students will be required to take this 100-minute midterm exam. The exam will have two sections included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 80-point 40-item multiple choice sections; and • A 20-point 10-item true/false section. 	100 points (Possible points 2 per question)
Online Final Exam The students will be required to take this 100-minute final exam. The exam will have two sections included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 80-point 40-item multiple choice sections; and • A 20-point 10-item true/false section. 	100 points (possible points 2 per question)
Total	440 points

Final Grade:

Grade	Cumulative Points
A	396 to 440
B	352 to 395
C	308 to 351
D	264 to 307
F	263 and below

MAKE-UP EXAMS:

No make-up exams will be given unless the professor is informed in advance of an unavoidable absence on an exam date.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Note: The instructor reserves the right to add or subtract material based upon the progress of the class and time constraint of the course

Week	Date	Content
Week 1	Mon, Aug 23	Course Overview and Syllabus
	Wed, Aug 25	Chapter 1: The Nature and History of Criminal Law
	Fri, Aug 27	Chapter 1: The Nature and History of Criminal Law
Week 2	Mon, Aug 30	Chapter 2: Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime
	Wed, Sep 1	Chapter 2: Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime
	Fri, Sep 3	ONLINE QUIZ 1: Chapters 1-2
Week 3	Mon, Sep 6	<i>Holiday</i>
	Wed, Sep 8	Chapter 3: Expanding the Concept of Crime
	Fri, Sep 10	Chapter 3: Expanding the Concept of Crime
Week 4	Mon, Sep 13	Chapter 4: Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime
	Wed, Sep 15	Chapter 4: Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime
	Fri, Sep 17	ONLINE QUIZ 2: Chapters 3-4
Week 5	Mon, Sep 20	Chapter 5: Justifications and Defense
	Wed, Sep 22	Chapter 5: Justifications and Defense
	Fri, Sep 24	Chapter 6: Defenses: Excuses and Insanity
Week 6	Mon, Sep 27	Chapter 6: Defenses: Excuses and Insanity
	Wed, Sep 29	ONLINE QUIZ 3: Chapters 5-6
	Fri, Oct 1	Chapter 7: Crimes against Persons: Homicide
Week 7	Mon, Oct 4	Chapter 7: Crimes against Persons: Homicide
	Wed, Oct 6	Chapter 8: Crimes against Persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, and other Crimes
	Fri, Oct 8	Chapter 8: Crimes against Persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, and other Crimes
Week 8	Mon, Oct 11	ONLINE QUIZ 4: Chapters 7-8
	Wed, Oct 13	REVIEW: Chapters 1-8
	Fri, Oct 15	No Class for Midterm Exam Preparations
Week 9	Mon, Oct 18	Online Mid-term Exam will be available 12:01 am through 11:59 pm
	Wed, Oct 20	Chapter 9: Property and Computer Crimes
	Fri, Oct 22	Chapter 9: Property and Computer Crimes

Week 10	Mon, Oct 25	Chapter 10: Offenses against Public Order and the Administration of Justice
	Wed, Oct 27	Chapter 10: Offenses against Public Order and the Administration of Justice
	Fri, Oct 29	ONLINE QUIZ 5: Chapters 9-10
Week 11	Mon, Nov 1	Chapter 11: Offenses against Public Morality
	Wed, Nov 3	Chapter 11: Offenses against Public Morality
	Fri, Nov 5	Chapter 12: Terrorism and Human Trafficking
Week 12	Mon, Nov 8	Chapter 12: Terrorism and Human Trafficking
	Wed, Nov 10	ONLINE QUIZ 6: Chapters 11-12
	Fri, Nov 12	Chapter 13: Victims and the Law
Week 13	Mon, Nov 15	Chapter 13: Victims and the Law
	Wed, Nov 17	Chapter 14: Punishment and Sentencings
	Fri, Nov 19	Chapter 14: Punishment and sentencings
Week 14	Mon, Nov 22	Chapter 14: Punishment and sentencings
	Wed, Nov 24	ONLINE QUIZ 7: Chapters 13-14
	Fri, Nov 26	REVIEW: Chapters 9-14
Week 15	Mon, Nov 29	No class for dead week
	Wed, Dec 1	No class for dead week
	Fri, Dec 3	No class for dead week
Week 16	Mon, Dec 6	Online Final Exam will be available 12:01 am through 11:59 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23: Fall 2021 semester begins.

September 9: “W” period begins for the Regular Fall 2021 Semester.

November 22: Last Day to Drop/Withdraw Regular Term, Fall 2021.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Academic Integrity

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the university [Academic Honor Code](#) and the [ASU Student Handbook](#).

Accommodations for Disability

The Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Student Life Office at (325) 942-2191 or (325) 942-2126 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at Student.Life@angelo.edu to begin the process. The Student Life Office will establish the particular documentation requirements necessary for the various types of disabilities.

Student absence for religious holidays

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

Title IX at Angelo State University

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU's Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Boone, J.D.

Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator

Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

325-942-2022

michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the *University Health Clinic and Counseling Center* at 325-942-2173 or the *ASU Crisis Helpline* at 325-486-6345.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.