

CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law
Spring 2021 MWF 8-8:50 am at A 135
January 25 through May 14

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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.

GRADING POLICY:

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

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	340 points

Final Grade:

Grade	Cumulative Points
A	306 to 340
B	272 to 305
C	238 to 271
D	204 to 237
F	203 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	Material
Week 1	Mon, Jan 25	Course Overview and Syllabus
	Wed, Jan 27	Chapter 1: The Nature and History of Criminal Law
	Fri, Jan 29	Chapter 1: The Nature and History of Criminal Law
Week 2	Mon, Feb 1	Chapter 2: Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime
	Wed, Feb 3	Chapter 2: Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime
	Fri, Feb 5	ONLINE QUIZ 1: Chapters 1-2
Week 3	Mon, Feb 8	Chapter 3: Expanding the Concept of Crime
	Wed, Feb 10	Chapter 3: Expanding the Concept of Crime
	Fri, Feb 12	Chapter 4: Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime
Week 4	Mon, Feb 15	Chapter 4: Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime
	Wed, Feb 17	ONLINE QUIZ 2: Chapters 3-4
	Fri, Feb. 19	Chapter 5: Justifications and Defense
Week 5	Mon, Feb 22	Chapter 5: Justifications and Defense
	Wed, Feb 24	Chapter 6: Defenses: Excuses and Insanity
	Fri, Feb. 26	Chapter 6: Defenses: Excuses and Insanity
Week 6	Mon, Mar 1	ONLINE QUIZ 3: Chapters 5-6
	Wed, Mar 3	Chapter 7: Crimes against Persons: Homicide
	Fri, Mar 5	Chapter 7: Crimes against Persons: Homicide
Week 7	Mon, Mar 8	Chapter 8: Crimes against Persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, and other Crimes
	Wed, Mar 10	Chapter 8: Crimes against Persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, and other Crimes
	Fri, Mar 12	ONLINE QUIZ 4: Chapters 7-8
Week 8	Mon, Mar 15	REVIEW: Chapters 1-8
	Wed, Mar 17	No Class for Midterm Exam Preparations
	Fri, Mar 19	Online Mid-term Exam will be available from 12:01 am through 11:59 pm
Week 9	Mon, Mar 22	Chapter 9: Property and Computer Crimes
	Wed, Mar 24	Chapter 9: Property and Computer Crimes
	Fri, Mar 26	Chapter 10: Offenses against Public Order and the Administration of Justice
Week 10	Mon, Mar 29	Chapter 10: Offenses against Public Order and the Administration of Justice

	Wed, Mar 31	ONLINE QUIZ 5: Chapters 9-10
	Fri, Apr 2	Chapter 11: Offenses against Public Morality
Week 11	Mon, Apr 5	University closed for the spring holiday
	Wed, Apr 7	Chapter 11: Offenses against Public Morality
	Fri, Apr 9	Chapter 12: Terrorism and Human Trafficking
Week 12	Mon, Apr 12	Chapter 12: Terrorism and Human Trafficking
	Wed, Apr 14	ONLINE QUIZ 6: Chapters 11-12
	Fri, Apr 16	Chapter 13: Victims and the Law
Week 13	Mon, Apr 19	Chapter 13: Victims and the Law
	Wed, Apr 21	Chapter 14: Punishment and Sentencings
	Fri, Apr 23	Chapter 14: Punishment and sentencings
Week 14	Mon, Apr 26	Chapter 14: Punishment and sentencings
	Wed, Apr 28	ONLINE QUIZ 7: Chapters 13-14
	Fri, Apr 30	REVIEW: Chapters 9-14
Week 15	Mon, May 3	No class for dead week
	Wed, May 5	No class for dead week
	Fri, May 7	No class for dead week
Week 16	Mon, May 10	Online Final Exam will be available from 12:01 am through 11:59 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

January 25: Spring 2021 semester begins.

February 10: “W” period begins for the Regular Spring 2021 Semester.

April 3: Last Day to Drop/Withdraw Regular Term, Spring 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.

Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class At Angelo State University

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory *Facial Covering Policy* to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.