



Eastern Wyoming College
Criminal Justice Department

Spring Semester 2013

Course Information

Course Title: **Criminal Law I**

Course Number: **CRMJ 2210, Section 40/90**

Credit Hours: **3.0**

Prerequisites: **CRMJ 2120 with a grade of "C" or better.**
(Introduction to Criminal Justice)

Meeting Days, Times & Locations: **On-line**

Instructor information

Instructor: **Richard Patterson, Ph.D.**

Office Location: **Faculty Office Link 103**

Office Hours: **Monday & Friday 11 AM-11 to Noon**
Tuesday & Thursday 9-10 AM
Wednesday 1-2 PM

These are the times that I am likely to be in my office if you need to see or call me.

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Course Content Information

Course Catalog Description:

The course deals with the broad spectrum of criminal law and the procedures of criminal justice. Substantive criminal law, criminal procedures, and roles of evidence that are of importance to the law enforcement officer are studied. The course builds a sound base for a more advanced study of criminal law. Also included may be other relevant subject matter the instructor feels is necessary.

Course Rationale:

This course serves three purposes. First, it introduces the criminal justice student to the history, theories, and current concerns associated with the study and practice of criminal law. Next, it can also serve to increase the knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system for other social science students in such disciplines as psychology and social work. Finally, it lays the groundwork for further study in this and related disciplines.

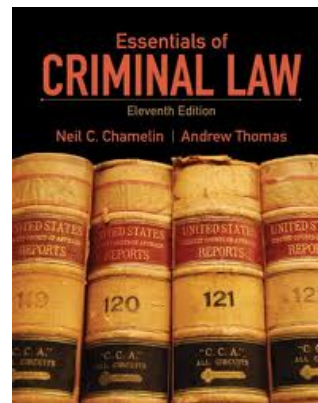
Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. The history of criminal law, both internationally and in the United States.
2. The terminology of criminal law
3. The criminal act and necessary elements of a crime
4. Matters affecting criminal responsibility
5. Crimes against persons
6. Property crimes
7. Public order crimes and offenses
8. Offenses by and against juveniles

Course Text (required):

Chamelin, N. C., & Thomas, A., (2012), *Essentials of Criminal Law*. (11th ed.). Boston, MA, Pearson.



ISBN 978-0-13-511057-7

You may purchase your book through the EWC bookstore or any other source (Amazon, etc.)

Course Schedule:

Week 1	January 15-January 20	Introduction to the Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post a brief biography on the message board • Take the practice quiz • Send me a test email through LancerNet • Get your book and start reading Chapter 1 		
Week 2	January 21-January 27	Fundamentals of Criminal Law/Jurisdiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 2 & 3 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 3	January 28-February 3	Criminal Acts & Elements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 4 & 5 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 4	February 4-February 10	Criminal Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 6 • Complete Weekly Assignment • Take exam 1 		
Week 5	February 11-February 17	Assault & Related Crimes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 7 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 6	February 18-February 24	Homicide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 8 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 7	February 25-March 3	Sex Offenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 9 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 8	March 4-March 10	Robbery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 11 • Complete Weekly Assignment • Take Exam 2. 		
Week 9	March 11-March 17	Theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 10 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 10	March 18-March 24	Burglary & Related Offenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 12 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 11	March 25-April 2	Spring/Easter Break
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a Break! 		

Week 12	April 3-April 7	Arson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 13 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 13	April 8-April 14	Forgery & Related Offenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 14 • Complete Weekly Assignment • Take Exam 3 		
Week 14	April 15-April 21	Traffic Offenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 119 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 15	April 22-April 28	Drug & Alcohol Crimes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 16 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 16	April 29-May 5	Juveniles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 14 • Complete Weekly Assignment 		
Week 17	May 4-May 8	Final Examination-All work is due!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the Final Examination. Open from 00:05 AM, May 4 to 11:55 PM May 8. 		

Course Requirements

Examinations:

There are four exams in this course. They normally consist of multiple-choice and true/false questions. You will have 60 minutes to complete these exams, except for the final exam. It is longer, so 90 minutes is allowed for it. They must be taken during the time they are "open" in LancerNet unless you have arranged something **in advance**. If you miss a scheduled exam due to unforeseen circumstances, you should contact me as soon as possible to discuss your options. **Please Note: Tests are not to be taken with other students present. They are an individual activity.**

Weekly Assignments:

Each week, normally on Monday morning, I will post the week's assigned reading. In addition, there will be one or more weekly assignments. Sometimes it will be additional reading, other times I will post a discussion question that you will respond to. Sometimes it might be a quiz on the reading or a short (usually one-page) paper on a specific topic. In each case, the weekly assignment score will be worth up to 10 points. You will be graded on your effort and results.

Attendance/Withdrawal Policy:

Please review the Attendance and Withdrawal Policies found in the Eastern Wyoming College 2011-2012 Catalog. Students are expected to attend all sessions of each course in which they are enrolled. Attendance and active participation in all scheduled learning activities is essential for successful completion of this course.

EWC instructors may withdraw a student from a course if a) the student is absent for more than 20% of the scheduled sessions of a course, b) the student has been absent for 6 consecutive class hours of a course, or c) the student has not completed 20% of the assigned learning activities.

Since this is an online class, participation in the course means interacting with the class website as necessary and submitting completed assignments in a timely manner. **Students may be (and have been!) withdrawn by the instructor for lack of participation in any 20% of the course activities. The weekly assignments are not optional.**

Students may choose to withdraw from this course with a grade of "W" prior to 4 p.m. on **Thursday, April 25, 2013.**

Grading:

Points are earned on the following basis:

- Exams-100 Points each, 300 possible points total.
- Weekly Assignment-10 points per week, 150 points possible.
- Final Examination-150 points possible.
- **No individual extra credit is given.**

The final letter grade for the course is based on the following numerical scale:

Letter	Percentage	Description	Total Points.
A	90-100%	Exceptional	540-600
B	80-<90%	Very Good-Above Average	480-539
C	70-<80%	Average	420-479
D	60-<70%	Poor	360-419
F	<60%	Failure	Less than 360

EWC General Education Requirements

- **Communication Skills:** Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning:** Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Technology Skills:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence using technology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Social Awareness:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- **Information Literacy:** Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively.

ADA Accommodations

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has such a disability and desires accommodation for such disability, the student should contact Mr. Tom McDowell or Ms. Debra Ochsner as soon as possible.

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