

**CRIMINAL LAW - FALL 2018 – Section 1**  
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**SYLLABUS, PART 1**

Law # 5100 (Class # 17774)  
3 Credits

Course Description

In this course we will explore the general principles of criminal law, and will cover several substantive crimes and defenses.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Read and understand the statutes and judicial opinions defining criminal law in the United States.
- Understand the practical, moral, and policy concerns underlying the criminal law.
- Identify legal issues in given fact patterns and work through their solutions using the relevant legal rules.

Required Text

The required text for this course is Dressler & Garvey, Cases and Materials on Criminal Law (7th edition 2016). Other handouts or materials may be assigned during the semester. You may access supplemental materials and view other course related information on the course TWEN® page. You are required to register on TWEN® by the end of the drop/add period for the semester.

Classes

Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 1:00-2:15 in Room 285C. The final exam is tentatively scheduled for December 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Office Hours

My office hours are on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. While you should feel free to stop by without an appointment during office hours, I highly recommend that you make an appointment to reserve the amount of time that you need, and eliminate wait time. If you are unable to meet with me during my regularly scheduled office hours please send me an e-mail and I'll be happy to arrange another mutually convenient time.

Contact Information

My office is in Room 379 and the telephone number is (352) 273-0959. My e-mail address is jstinneford@law.ufl.edu. I encourage you to contact me regularly during the semester and to ask any questions that you may have about the course or even more generally about the practice of law.

### Grading

Your final course grade will be based principally on a final exam (90%), and will be subject to modification based upon course participation and attendance as described below.

After course grades have been posted, if you wish to review your exam I will make your exam available along with a model answer. If you wish to speak to me after you have reviewed your exam, you may do so after February 1. For further information on the University's grading policies and calculation of grade points please see <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

### Policy related to Make-up exams or other work

The law school policy on delay in taking exams can be found at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/policies.shtml#12>.

### Class Preparation, Participation, and Attendance

#### *A. Class Preparation and Participation*

ABA Standard 310 requires that students devote 120 minutes to out-of-class preparation for every "classroom hour" of in-class instruction. Criminal Law has 3 "classroom hours" of in-class instruction each week, requiring at least 6 hours of preparation outside of class.

Your grade may be significantly affected (up to one full letter grade) by your class participation. In evaluating your class participation, I take into account a number of considerations, including the professionalism and courtesy you display in class, your preparedness in class, and your class attendance. I do not reward students for being relatively talkative; nor do I punish students for being relatively quiet. I do, however, expect everyone to be familiar with the material assigned for a given day, and prepared to discuss it in class if called upon.

#### *B. Class Attendance*

Students are expected to attend class, to be prepared, and to participate in class discussions. It is your responsibility to locate and initial the sign-in sheet for each class session. By signing your initials, you affirm that you are physically present in class during that class period. It will be considered a violation of the course rules and the Honor Code to falsely indicate that you were present in class, or to assist a classmate in such misrepresentation.

Pursuant to ABA guidelines, students who have four (4) or more absences will be barred from taking the final exam, and will automatically fail this course. Two (2) to three (3) absences may result in a reduction of your grade as described above, in the section describing grade adjustments

for course participation. Absences necessitated by religious holidays are exempted by this policy, so long as you give me advance notice of your absence. More generally, if you are concerned that you may come close to the limit on absences, it is a good idea to keep me informed as to what's going on, so that we can explore whether an accommodation is possible.

### Recording Devices and Cell Phones

Use of any recording devices (including audio and/or video) is not permitted in the classroom without my express permission. Cellular telephones should not be used during class, and ringers should be silenced.

Computer Usage: I encourage you to use a laptop to take notes, prepare your outline, and take exams. Please do not surf the web, send emails or IMs, look up old crushes on Facebook, shop for autographed Tim Tebow photos on EBay, or generally mess around on your computer. Such conduct is unprofessional, and shows a lack of respect for your classmates and me. Such conduct may result in a grade reduction as discussed in the "class participation" section, above.

### Statement related to accommodations for students with disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Resources. The UF Office of Disability Resources will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Law School Office of Student Affairs when requesting accommodation.

### University Policy on Academic Misconduct

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>.

### Information on UF Law grading policies

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point</u>
A (Excellent)	4.0	C+	2.33	D-	0.67
A-	3.67	C (Satisfactory)	2.00	E (Failure)	0.0
B+	3.33	C-	1.67		
B (Good)	3.00	D+	1.33		
B-	2.67	D (Poor)	1.00		

The law school grading policy is available at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/policies.shtml#9> .

### Assignments

Below are the first 22 expected reading assignments. Please note that this plan is subject to change. I reserve the right to modify the assignments from time to time, and to utilize additional handouts and materials. All assignments are from the required texts, unless otherwise noted. The notes and problems in this casebook are particularly important, so be prepared to discuss them in class.

1. 31-64
2. 97-107; 121-132
3. 133-149; MPC § 2.01
4. 149-161
5. 161-178; MPC § 2.02; 2.03(2)(a); 2.05; 1.04(5)
6. 185-197
7. 198-210
8. 211-227
9. 229-249; MPC § 2.03.

Practice Midterm – hurray!

10. 266-284
11. 285-303
12. 303-313; 316-324
13. 325-336
14. 345-358
15. 359-365