

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
External Degree Program

CJ 237-03 Criminal Law

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will survey the historical development of criminal law in America. The course will as a result analyze the effects of English common law, the federal court structure, court decisions, legislative codes, historical events and social changes. Three semester credits.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Distinguish criminal law from civil law using a historical perspective.
2. Display an understanding of the general nature of the legal system.
3. Identify legal rights and restrictions in America today.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1. Carlson, Ronald L. Criminal Justice Procedure 6th Edition 1999. Anderson Publishing Co.
2. Syllabus

You may purchase your textbook through MBS Direct by calling their toll free number at: 800-325-3252 or through the UIU homepage: www.uiu.edu. Click on the link called Resources for Center, External Degree and Online Program learners. Follow the link and select External Degree for your location.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Read the chapters in the book as assigned
2. Take two proctored exams
3. Take one open book exam
4. Write a 3-4 page paper as explained later.

UNIT COURSE WORK

In addition to the 3 tests and the paper that are all required in this class you will have unit assignments. The course is divided into 3 units. Chapters 1-4, Chapters 5-8 and Chapters 9-11. At the end of each unit you will be required to complete an assignment. Generally, these assignments involve true/false and short answer questions to make sure that you understand the

material. Each unit assignment is worth 25 points. Although you are free to use your book and notes to answer the questions it may be a better idea to first answer the question without your book or notes to be sure that you truly understand the material. These materials need to be returned as soon as completed. The unit work must also be completed prior to taking each test.

EXAMINATIONS:

As noted above (course requirements) there are three exams in this course. The first two exams require a proctor who is approved by Upper Iowa University. The third exam is an open book exam. The exams will have a combination of true/false, multiple-choice, short answer and essay questions. Lastly, you will be required to write a 3-4 page paper. (See below)

WRITING REQUIREMENT:

Chances are by now you've realized that yes there is a writing requirement to pass this class. As you continue in your present profession or move into a different profession you will almost certainly be required to put your thoughts and ideas on paper for review, that's why you have a writing requirement in this course.

You are required to write a 3-4 page typed paper on any area of criminal law discussed in the book that you found to be interesting. In the paper tell me how you felt about this particular topic before signing up for class and how you feel about this particular topic now that you have virtually completed the class. Be honest and insightful. Also, in the paper tell me what effect, if any, the knowledge you've gained in this course will have in your day to day living. In the paper think of any criminal case you've read about, heard about, or been apart of and tell me what impact that had on you.

COURSE FORMAT:

Chapter 1-An Overview of Criminal Justice in America
Chapter 2-Arrest, Appearance and Preliminary Hearing
Chapter 3-Bail
Chapter 4-The Charging Instrument: Indictment or Information

PROCTORED EXAM ONE -CHAPTERS 1-4

Chapter 5-Guilty Pleas
Chapter 6-Criminal Trial
Chapter 7-Sentencing, Crime and Corrections
Chapter 8-Appeals and Habeas Corpus

PROCTORED EXAM TWO -CHAPTERS 5-8

Chapter 9-Special Problems: Location of Trial and Double Jeopardy

Chapter 10-Miscellaneous proceedings Misdemeanor Trials, Damage Suits against Police and Prisoner Rights
Chapter 11-Adversary System

OPEN BOOK EXAM CHAPTERS 9-11

PAPER

EXAMINATION INFORMATION:

As previously noted, there are three tests and one paper in this class. You **Must** turn in all the tests and the paper in order to receive a final grade. The first exam covers Chapters 1-4. Test two covers Chapters 5-8 and test three covers Chapters 8-11. Exams 1 and 3 are worth 75 points, Exam 2 is worth 100 points, your coursework is worth 75 points and your paper is worth 50 points, for a total of 375 points. Exam 1 and 2 are closed book tests and no books or notes are allowed. Exam 3 is an open book exam and you are allowed to use any books and/or notes. This exam is included in the syllabus and can be sent directly to the instructor.

Note: You must pass at least one exam to pass the course.

COMPOSITION OF GRADE:

Exam 1	75 points
Exam 2	100 points
Exam 3	75 points
Unit Work	75 points
Paper	<u>50 points</u>
TOTAL	375 points

Your grade will be determined as follows:

337-375 points	A
300-336 points	B
262-299 points	C
225-261 points	D
224 and below	F

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY USES A STANDARD GRADING SYSTEM:

A = All work is excellent, shows exceptional understanding of materials; logical, clear, and insightful written and oral work, incorporates knowledge from other sources and moves easily to the next level of understanding, works well beyond minimum requirements.

B = Understanding material is good to very good, demonstrates good grasp of material, good oral and written skills, produces more than the minimum requirements, quality of all work is high.

C = Satisfactory understanding of the material, submits only the minimum requirements, communicates adequately in oral and written formats, displays an adequate understanding of all basic concepts.

D = Quality and quantity written and oral work is below average and barely acceptable.

F = Quality and quantity written and oral work is unacceptable.

CHEATING, ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND PLAGIARISM:

Because cheating, academic dishonesty and plagiarism are affronts to the University community as a whole and a denial of the offender's own integrity, they will not be tolerated. Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- the use of unauthorized books, notes or other sources in the giving or securing of help in an examination or other course assignments,
- the copying of other students' work or allowing others to copy your work,
- the submission of work that is not your own or allowing others to submit your work as theirs,
- the submission of the same work for two or more classes without the approval of any instructors involved.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- sharing academic materials knowing they will be used inappropriately,
- having access to another person's work without permission,
- providing false or incomplete information on an academic document,
- changing student records without approval.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- the presentation of another's published or unpublished work as one's own,
- taking words or ideas of another and either copying them or paraphrasing them without proper citation of the source,
- using charts, graphs, statistics or tables without proper citation.

Detected cheating, academic dishonesty, or plagiarism will result in consequences that may, at the instructor's discretion, include course failure. In addition, an offender may be reported to the Senior Vice President for the Extended University, the Dean of the Extended University, or designee for possible disciplinary action, which may include suspension or dismissal from the University. Upper Iowa University may make use of various plagiarism detection services. Individuals, by enrolling in courses offered by the University, consent to submission by the University of course-related assignments to such services and the retention of a copy of such assignments by the service. Extended University Catalog 2004/05 page 85.

LIBRARY RESOURCES:

As a student of Upper Iowa University, you have access to the resources of the Henderson-Wilder Library on the Fayette campus. If travel to the campus is not feasible, you can access the library through the University's website. For InfoTrac access information, please contact the library at library@uiu.edu.

ATTENDANCE:

Even though a student does not attend a regular classroom in the traditional sense and keep up with a set schedule of assignments, it should be pointed out how important it is to keep yourself on a regular timely schedule if possible to complete and send in units. It is too easy to set work aside and decide to do it later. Suddenly, the need to complete assignments and get them in by deadlines can become stressful and, at times, impossible. The key would be to set time aside on a regular basis and submit work in a timely manner.

WITHDRAWAL:

If you wish to withdraw prior to the last day of the enrollment period you must contact the External Degree office by phone or in writing. After your original six month enrollment period you no longer have the option to withdraw from the course. You must finish the course or have a final grade assigned based on the coursework submitted.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

If you require accommodation for special needs, please provide documentation to: Director of External Degree.

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change.