

## COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>LAST REVIEW</b>	Spring 2021
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	Criminal Law
<b>COURSE NUMBER</b>	CRJS 0203
<b>DIVISION</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences & Public Services
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Criminal Justice
<b>CIP CODE</b>	43.0107
<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	3
<b>CONTACT HOURS/WEEK</b>	Class: 3
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	None
<b>COURSE PLACEMENT</b>	Students must meet the correct placement measure for this course. Information may be found at: <a href="https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html">https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html</a>

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to criminal investigation procedures, the course includes theory of an investigation, case preparation, specific techniques for selected offenses, questioning of witnesses and suspects, and problems in criminal investigation.

### PROGRAM ALIGNMENT

This course is part of a program aligned through the Kansas Board of Regents and Technical Education Authority. For more information, please visit:

[https://kansasregents.org/workforce\\_development/program-alignment](https://kansasregents.org/workforce_development/program-alignment)

### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Define the interdependence of the three components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections and how these systems function both in relationship to each other and as separate entities.
2. Define the principles related to the acquisition, preservation, and presentation of evidence in a criminal case.
3. Demonstrate the critical reasoning skills necessary in the practice of arrest, search, and seizure.

### Institutional Learning Outcomes

- Communication
- Computation and Financial Literacy
- Critical Reasoning
- Technology and Information Literacy
- Community and Civic Responsibility
- Personal and Interpersonal Skills

### TEXTBOOKS

<http://kckccbookstore.com/>

### METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

- I. Nature and History of Criminal Law
  - A. Historical Perspectives
  - B. Common Law
  - C. Sources of Criminal Law
  - D. The Modern US Legal System
  
- II. Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime
  - A. Legal Essence of Criminal Conduct
  - B. The Criminal Act
  - C. State of Mind
  
- III. Expanding the Concept of Crime
  - A. Corpus Delicti
  - B. Principles of Criminality
  - C. Causation
  
- IV. Criminal Liability
  - A. Criminal Attempt
  - B. Criminal Law in the News
  - C. Defenses to Charges of Attempts
  - D. Criminal Conspiracy
  - E. Criminal Solicitation
  - F. Complicity
  
- V. Justification as Defenses
  - A. Types of Defenses
  - B. Justification
  - C. Necessity
  - D. Self-Defense
  - E. Use of Deadly Force
  - F. Defense of Others
  - G. Resisting Arrest
  
- VI. Defenses: Excuses and Insanity
  - A. Nature of Excuses
  - B. Categories of Excuses
  - C. Intoxication
  - D. Mistake E. Duress
  - F. Age
  - G. Insanity
  - H. Mental Incompetency
  - I. Diminished Capacity
  
- VII. Legal/Social Dimensions of Personal Crime
  - A. Criminal Homicide
  - B. Murder
  - C. Manslaughter
  - D. Negligent Homicide
  - E. Vehicular Homicide
  
- VIII. Assault, Battery and other Personal Crimes
  - A. Assault/Battery
  - B. Mayhem

- C. Aggravated Assault
- D. Anti-stalking Statutes
- E. Battery
- F. Sex Offenses
- G. Kidnapping

IX. Property and Computer Crimes

- A. Theft
- B. Larceny
- C. Embezzlement
- D. False Pretenses
- E. Forgery
- F. Robbery
- G. Extortion
- H. Burglary
- I. Arson
- J. Computer Crimes

X. Public Order Crimes

- A. Crimes against Public Order
- B. Breach of Peace
- C. Fighting
- D. Vagrancy
- E. Curfew
- F. Weapons Carrying
- G. Treason
- H. Perjury
- I. Escape
- J. Environment Crimes

XI. Terrorism and Human Trafficking

- A. Terrorism
- B. Human Smuggling
- C. Trafficking in Persons Immigration Legislation

XII. Offenses Against Public Morality

- A. Public Decency and Morality
- B. Prostitution
- C. Pornography
- D. Sex Offenses
- E. Gambling
- F. Controlled Substances

XIII. Victims and the Law

- A. Who is a Victim
- B. History of Victimization
- C. Rights Legislation
- D. Victim Statistics
- E. Restitution

XIV. Punishment and Sentencing

- A. Sentencing Rationality
- B. Criminal Sanctions
- C. Plea Bargaining

## D. Sentence Options

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- A. CLO #1. The student will be able to apply substantive and procedural law to practical situations.
- B. CLO #2 The student will be able to discuss ethics, integrity, teamwork, and professionalism.
- C. CLO #3 The student will be able to explain the nature and history of criminal law.
- D. CLO #4 The student will be able to define criminal liability.
- E. CLO #5 The student will be able to explain justifications as defenses for violation of criminal laws.
- F. CLO #6 The student will be able to discuss criminal defenses, excuses and the insanity plea.
- G. CLO #7 The student will be able to explain serious personal crimes to include murder and homicide.
- H. CLO #8 The student will be able to discuss less serious personal crimes such as assault and battery.
- I. CLO #9 The student will be able to explain property and computer related crimes.
- J. CLO #10 The student will be able to discuss various public order crimes.
- K. CLO #11 The student will be able to explain offenses against public morality.
- L. CLO #12 The student will be able to discuss punishment and sentencing of offenders.

### **ASSESSMENT OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Student progress is evaluated through both formative and summative assessment methods. Specific details may be found in the instructor's course information document.

### **COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

*Student Handbook*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/files/docs/student-resources/student-handbook-and-code-of-conduct.pdf>

*College Catalog*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html>

*College Policies and Statements*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/about/policies-statements/index.html>

*Accessibility and Accommodations*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/resources/student-accessibility-support-services/index.html>