

CMJS 2033: CRIMINAL LAW AND SOCIETY

1. Catalog Description

Principles of criminal law as they developed from early common law to modern United States law. Includes classification of crimes, elements of and parties to crime and the study of criminal case law.

2. Prerequisites: CMJS 2003 or CMJS 2013

3. Credit, Contact, Local Hours: 3/3/3

4. Target Audience & Transfer

Designed for students majoring in criminal justice or who plan to seek employment in law enforcement or corrections. Successful completion of this course should prepare students for further study or employment in the criminal justice field.

5. General Course Outcomes

Students completing this course should be able to:

a. Knowledge. Obtain a foundation of facts, vocabulary and principles associated with criminal law.

b. Critical Thinking. Use the basic information obtained in this course to recognize and be able to analyze issues relating to the commission or culpability of people accused of committing crime.

6. Required Texts: Young and Young, Arkansas Criminal Law Manual
Little Rock, AR: Young Law Publishing

7. Topics:

- A. Principles of Criminal Law
- B. Common Law
- C. Classification of Crimes
- D. Elements of Crime
- E. Culpability
- F. Criminal Case Law

8. Required Methods of Instruction

Three hours classroom lecture per week with additional outside assignments relating to Arkansas case law.

9. Required Forms of Assessment

a. Students will be given a pre and post test written by individual faculty but which will include some questions from a Test Bank under development by the program Coordinator. The information from these pre and post tests will be analyzed each semester so that the faculty can target areas of insufficient learning and accomplishment.

b. Students will be given periodic examinations covering selected topics of the course so that when the course has been completed, students will have been tested on all topics set out above. Each such test will contain a critical thinking element to measure the student's understanding of analytical matters and their competency in rational thinking.

10. Resources: Arkansas Code Annotated NWAAC Library
United States Supreme Court Reports Benton County Law Library or
Internet