



Criminal Law 1330

Fall Semester 2009

Location: Main Campus

Day: Wednesday - Time: 5:15 – 7:45 p.m.

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SYLLABUS

TEXTBOOK

CRIMINAL LAW AND ITS PROCESS ~ Cases and Materials, by Sanford H. Kadish, Esq; Stephen J. Schulhofer, Esq; and Carol S. Steiker, Esq.

COURSE DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVE

This course is for students interested in a career in law enforcement, court system, adult or juvenile corrections, private or industrial security, or criminal law. This course deals with the principles of Criminal Law and its Process. This course will approach criminal law in the United States of America and not one specific state. The statutes of criminal law will be taken from the Model Penal Code. All 50 states have structured their state specific laws after the Model Penal Code. The Model Penal Code can be found in the appendix of your textbooks.

NOTES:

- 1) This class involves the study of criminal law. The subject matter and materials presented may be graphic on occasion and disturbing to some. Some of the many topics we will discuss are rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and murder which may be graphic and disturbing to some. Please review the materials at the beginning of the semester to determine if this is the right class for you. If at any

time you are disturbed by a topic or course content, please feel free to bring it to my attention. I will do what I can to alleviate the problem.

- 2) I will on occasion refer to actual cases in which I have been involved. If you, a family member, or friend were also involved. Please let me know. Certainly, no offense or desire to embarrass is intended.

EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to do the following:
- 1- Attend all classes.
 - 2- Arrive on time, remain for the entire class and be attentive.
 - 3- **Be prepared – read the assigned material, brief cases, participate in class discussions, and submit assignments on time.** (you may be called on to brief the class on one of the many cases we will discuss in class.)
 - 4- Bring textbooks and other course materials to class.
 - 5- Respect in language and conduct is required at all times.
 - 6- Refrain from receiving cell phone or similar electronic interruptions during class.

GRADING

- The following will comprise a final grade:
- ✓ Mid-Term Exam = 200 points
 - ✓ Case Briefs = 200 points (100 points per written brief)
 - ✓ Participation = 100 points (attendance & class discussions – quality not quantity)
 - ✓ Final Exam = 500 points
 - ✓ Total = 1000 points

Grade Scale

1000-950 = A; 949-901=A-; 900-870=B+; 869-840=B; 839-801=B-; 800-770=C+; 769-740=C; 739-700=C-; 699-660=D+; 659-620=D; 619-600=D-; 599-0=F. (if your total score is within a few points of the next higher grade, those who have participated in class discussions and attended class regularly will receive a bump up to the next higher grade. For example: if you received a total of 867 points [B] will be bumped to a B+)

MID-TERM EXAM

The **Mid-Term Exam** will be given in class and will comprise of the materials covered up to that date. The exam will be given on **October 13, 2009**. **Students will need to bring their own “Blue Book” for the examination. Students who do not utilize the appropriate “Blue Book” for the examination will receive an “F”, NO EXCEPTIONS.** (the only exception would be if the college has no blue books available. I will need verification the college was out of them for the exception to apply. In the highly unlikely event no “blue books” are available, a yellow legal pad may be substituted.)

FINAL EXAM

The final exam will be held in class on December 15, 2009. The exam will be comprehensive covering the entire semester. **Please bring your own “Blue Book.” Students who do not bring the appropriate “Blue Book” for the examination will receive an “F”, NO EXCEPTIONS.** (the only exception would be if the college has no blue books available. I will need verification the college was out of them for the exception to apply. In the highly unlikely event no “blue books” are available, a yellow legal pad may be substituted.)

SCOPE OF EXAMINATIONS

The student will be responsible for all materials assigned in the textbook through the date of the examination, lectures, distributed materials, and class discussions. If you fail to attend a class session, please contact a fellow student to ascertain what material may have been missed.

MAKE – UP EXAMINATIONS

A student may be allowed to make-up a missed examination, however, only under the most extreme of circumstances. The student **MUST** contact the professor **PRIOR** to the examination to discuss the reason for missing the examination and to make arrangements to make-up the missed examination. The decision as to whether a make-up examination will be allowed is at the sole discretion of the professor.

CASE BRIEFS

A mid-term written case brief must be completed and turned in on October 6, 2009. A final written brief must be turned in on December 08, 2009

SCHEDULE

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Class assignments given in class</u>
October 06	Mid-term brief
October 13	Mid –term exam
December 08	Final brief
December 15	Final Examination

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to attend classes, be prepared, and participate in class discussions. Student participation grades will be based not only on attendance and quantity of participation but on quality of participation. Quizzes may be given at any time and will be included within the participation grade. Practical (real world scenarios presented for you to investigate and solve) will also count towards class participation grades.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

No form of academic dishonesty will be tolerated. Cheating on examinations will not be tolerated. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying another student's answers, consulting "crib sheets", consulting with another student or any other act or attempted act seeking to gain an unfair advantage. All work submitted must be the student's own work. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. **Any academic dishonesty will result in the student receiving a failing grade for the course and the student will be referred to the college for disciplinary proceedings.**

DISABILITIES

If you are a student with a medical, psychological, or learning disability and would like accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center at 652-7516 in the Student Services Center. The Disability Resource Center will determine eligibility of a student requesting special services and determine the appropriate accommodations related to their disability.

**** The Professor specifically reserves the right to amend this syllabus at any time.****