

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Criminal Justice 221 Criminal Law
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Samaha, Joel. *Criminal Law*. 11th ed. California: Cengage Learning, 2014
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: CRJ 2010 Criminal Law

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the history, scope and nature of law. It focuses on the parties to a crime, classification of offenses, criminal acts and intent, the capacity to commit crime, and criminal defenses. It will cover the elements of misdemeanor and felony crimes.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Identify the historical, methodological, and theoretical practices in the criminal legal system
- B. Distinguish the elements of criminal offenses
- C. Explain vicarious liability and parties to crime
- D. Explain defenses to criminal liability
- E. Demonstrate the ability to read and evaluate case and statutory law
- F. Apply criminal law to practical scenarios

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Basic concepts of criminal law
- B. Crimes against the person
- C. Crimes against property
- D. Other criminal conduct

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Writing assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Quizzes and exams