

CJ383-01 CRIMINAL LAW
Fall, Semester 2018
Dr. Alaba Oludare
Department of Criminal Justice, MVSU, Mississippi, USA

Office: SSB-Office "S"

Office Phone: 662-254-3367

Email: alaba.oludare@mvsu.edu

Class meeting: Mon & Wed 10:00 am - 11:15am **SSB Room 18**

Office Hours:

Mondays 11:15-12:00pm; 2:15 pm – 6:00pm; 8:40pm-10:00pm

Wednesdays 11:15-12:00pm; 2:15pm – 6:00pm; 8:40pm-10:00pm

Thursdays 8: 00 am – 9:00am

Mondays - Fridays: By Appointment

Catalog Course Description

An introductory course designed to familiarize students with substantive criminal law. The scope and sources of criminal law, essential elements of a crime, criminal liability, criminal responsibility and the capacity to commit a crime, defense, criminal punishment, criminal jurisdiction are some of the topics covered in the course.

Core Objectives of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program

Upon completion of the undergraduate program the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the structure, functions and principles of the main components of the criminal justice system— law enforcement, courts, corrections, in addition to theories of crime and research methods.
2. Demonstrate ability to apply criminological principles to address “real life” criminal justice related problems.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of research methods appropriate at the baccalaureate level.

Required Textbook

Criminal Law (12th Edition). (2017). Joel Samaha. Cengage Learning. ISBN-10: 1305577388; ISBN-13: 9781305577381.

Additional readings may be issued to you during the class.

Grading Policy

The final grade will be determined by evaluating the following four parts:

I. Mid - Semester Examination (20%)

An in-class examination as Mid - Semester Examination will be held in the first week of October 2018. This examination will consist of many multiple-choice questions that test students' understanding of the contents in the required textbook and class discussions. Each of you will independently take this examination.

II. Final Examination (20%)

An open-note and in-class examination as Final Examination will be held on for graduating seniors and on Mon Dec 3, 2017 for non-graduating seniors. This examination will consist of many multiple-choice questions that test your understanding of the contents in the required textbook and class discussions. Each of you will independently take this examination.

III. Term Paper& Presentation (Total 20%)

1. Each of you is assigned to present your term (class) paper and related issues (if any) for at least 10 minutes on the scheduled day in the syllabus (5%).

2. Each of you is required to write a five-page term paper and to submit the term paper before your class presentation to the professor at alaba.oludare@mvsu.edu. The requirements of the class paper will be issued separately (15%).

IV. Weekly Chapter / Case law Review (30%)

You are required to review the assigned chapter from the textbook , You will submit 2 pages review of the Chapter. There will be a total of 10 chapter reviews @ 2% each.

Additionally, each week one student will do a power point presentation on one chapter for 10%. The power point should have a minimum of 20 slides and must incorporate important issues and headings from the Text. You are responsible for only one power point in the semester.

V. Attendance & Class Participation (10%)

Class participation will be a combining product of attending class, raising substantial questions about the related issues, exercising practices, and submitting issued assignments during the class.

Grading Scale: 90 – 100% = A, 80 – 89% = B, 70 – 79% = C, 60 – 69% = D, Below 60% = F.

Make-Up Policy : Make up maybe allowed, depending on the circumstances with an excuse. It is at the professor's discretion and with students' request before the deadlines of quizzers, exams, or assignments.

Cheating &Plagiarism Policy

Cheating in any fashion will not be tolerated, including but not limited to plagiarizing another's words, work or ideas on individual class assignments.

Class Attendance Policy

Attendance, by policy, is required. With no attendance, at least, you would not earn your points from your participations, even if you face emergency, you have doctor's excuse and/or an excuse letter from the Office of Student Affairs those are the ONLY excuses, whenever provided before final exam, for earning your points from your participations when you are absent.

General Course Policies

1. Be on time for all class activities. "Late" is greatly NOT encouraged. You do not have to be perfect but need to make perfect efforts. 2. Do not bring children to the classroom, turn off your cell-phone, pager and/or any other noising or sound electronic or mechanic devices during the class, and no noising or sound electronic or mechanic devices can appear on the surface during the class. 3. The professor reserves the right to modify assignments and/or any contents of this syllabus to meet the needs of the students enrolled and to adjust for unforeseen events, modifications or adjustments will be announced during class or via email, it is your responsibilities to pay attention to any modifications or adjustments. 4. Any with either learning or physical disabilities should consult the relevant office at the University and address your situation to the professor with official documents from the office. 5. You are expected to follow all university policies regarding students' activities in class and in professor's office. 6. The professor reserves the right to make photocopies of your completed assignments after grading before returning them to you.

CJ383 Criminal Law Fall, 2017 Tentative Schedule

Dates Topics Readings or Assignments

August 20, Monday	Introduction No Assignments.
August 22, Wed	Criminal Law & Punishment in US Society Samaha, Chapter 1.
August 27 Monday	Criminal Law & Punishment in US Society Samaha, Chapter 1.
August 29 Wed	Library/Web Assignment
September 3 Mon	Labor Day
September 5 Wed	Constitutional Limits on Criminal Law (I) Samaha, Chapter 2, pp. 39-68.
September 10 Mon	Constitutional Limits on Criminal Law (II) Samaha, Chapter 2, pp. 68-92. Submit Topic for Term/Research Paper
September 12 Wed	Criminal Act: The First Principle of Criminal Liability Samaha, Chapter 3.
September 17 Mon	General Principle of Criminal Liability (I) Samaha, Chapter 4, pp. 125-142.
September 19 Wed	General Principle of Criminal Liability (II) Samaha, Chapter 4, pp. 142- 160.
September 24 Mon	Defenses to Criminal Liability: Justifications (I) Samaha, Chapter 5, pp. 164-185.
September 26 Wed	Defenses to Criminal Liability: Justifications (II) Samaha, Chapter 5, pp. 186-203.
October 1-5	Mid Semester Exam 1 st Draft of Term/Research Paper Due (includes Topic, Text and 4 references)
October 8 Mon	Defenses to Criminal Liability: Excuses (I) Samaha, Chapter 6, pp. 205-226.
October 10 Wed	Defenses to Criminal Liability: Excuses (II) Samaha, Chapter 6, pp. 226-240.
October 15 Mon	Parties to Crime & Vicarious Criminal Liability Samaha, Chapter 7, pp. 243-254.
October 17 Wed	Parties to Crime & Vicarious Criminal Liability Samaha, Chapter 7, pp. 255-267.

October 22 Mon 2nd Draft of Research Paper Due (Topic, abstract, 8-10 texts and reference pages)

Inchoate Crimes Samaha, Chapter 8.

October 24 Wed Crimes against Persons (I): Murder Samaha, Chapter 9, pp. 322-352.

October 29 Mon Crimes against Persons (II): Manslaughter Samaha, Chapter 9, pp. 353-378.

November 31 Wed Crimes against Persons (II): Sex Offenses Samaha, Chapter 10, pp. 381-406.

November 5 Mon Crimes against Persons (II): Assault, Battery, Stalking, Kidnapping, False Imprisonment Samaha, Chapter 10, pp. 407-428.

November 7 Wed Crimes against Property (I): Larceny, White Collar Crime, Robbery, Receiving Stolen Property Samaha, Chapter 11, pp. 431-455.

November 12 Mon Final Term Paper Due (Submit Term Paper via turnitin.com and bring a Hardcopy to class)

Crimes against Property (II): Arson, Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Identity Theft, Intellectual Property Theft Samaha, Chapter 11, pp. 455-482.

November 14 Wed Crimes against Public Order & Morals (I): Disorderly Conduct, Vagrancy, Loitering, & Gang Activities Samaha, Chapter 12, pp. 485-500.

November 19 Mon Fall Break

November 21 Wed Thanksgiving Holidays

November 26 Mon Classes Resume Crimes against Public Order & Morals (II): Violent Video Games, Prostitution Samaha, Chapter 12, pp. 501-517.

November 28 Wed Crimes against the State Samaha, Chapter 13. Aril 26 Wed

December 4 Final Exams

