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ADJ 130

Introduction to Criminal Law

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Surveys the general principles of American criminal law, the elements of major crimes, and the basic steps of prosecution procedure.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3

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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Acquire a general understanding of the basic requirements for a criminal act
- Identify different types of criminal offenses including lesser offenses
- List the classical elements of the major criminal offenses in the United States
- Articulate inchoate, anticipatory, and conspiracy offenses
- Process how crimes are punished
- Comprehend the methodology of sentencing guidelines and minimum/maximum sentences
- Acquire a basic understanding of the defenses available to those accused of crimes
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the constitutional limitation on criminal liability, including due process, equal protection and double jeopardy.

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Required Materials:

1. Internet access
2. Blackboard
3. Textbook

Textbook:

Principles of Criminal Law, 6th edition

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The following supplementary materials are available: None

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- **Topical Description:**
- Actus Reus
- Mens Rea
- Intent Causation and Presumptions
- Classical Elements of the Major Criminal Offenses in the U.S.
- Inchoate, Anticipatory and Conspiracy Offenses
- Methodology of Sentencing
- Discretion of Judges
- Criminal Defenses
- Constitutional Limitation on Criminal Liability
- Due Process
- Equal Protection
- Double Jeopardy

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