

Washtenaw Community College Comprehensive Report

CJT 209 Criminal Law Effective Term: Fall 2013

Course Cover

Division: Advanced Technologies and Public Service Careers

Department: Public Service Careers

Discipline: Criminal Justice

Course Number: 209

Org Number: 15430

Full Course Title: Criminal Law

Transcript Title: Criminal Law

Is Consultation with other department(s) required: No

Publish in the Following: College Catalog , Time Schedule , Web Page

Reason for Submission: Three Year Review / Assessment Report

Change Information:

Consultation with all departments affected by this course is required.

Outcomes/Assessment

Objectives/Evaluation

Rationale: Update for transferability.

Proposed Start Semester: Fall 2013

Course Description: In this course students will examine the history and philosophy of the development of the criminal law system in the United States. Students will exam in depth the elements of traditional crimes, based upon the common law and the Model Penal code. Topics include the theoretical challenges and defenses to criminal liability.

Course Credit Hours

Variable hours: No

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: Instructor: 45 Student: 45

Lab: Instructor: 0 Student: 0

Clinical: Instructor: 0 Student: 0

Total Contact Hours: Instructor: 45 Student: 45

Repeatable for Credit: NO

Grading Methods: Letter Grades

Audit

Are lectures, labs, or clinicals offered as separate sections?: NO (same sections)

College-Level Reading and Writing

College-level Reading & Writing

College-Level Math

Requisites

General Education

Request Course Transfer

Proposed For:

Eastern Michigan University

Ferris State University

Michigan State University

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Identify the major mechanisms for creating criminal liability in our society.

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Departmentally-developed objective test.

Assessment Date: Fall 2013

Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years

Course section(s)/other population: All sections

Number students to be assessed: All students

How the assessment will be scored: Tests will be scored using an answer key.

Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 75% of students will score 70% or better.

Who will score and analyze the data: Department Chair

2. Recognize the basic components of each of the major crimes.

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Departmentally-developed multiple choice quiz.

Assessment Date: Fall 2013

Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years

Course section(s)/other population: All sections

Number students to be assessed: All students

How the assessment will be scored: Answer key

Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 75% of the students will score 75% or higher

Who will score and analyze the data: Department Chair

3. Identify the elements of the major defenses to a crime.

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Departmentally-developed multiple choice questions

Assessment Date: Fall 2013

Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years

Course section(s)/other population: All sections

Number students to be assessed: All students

How the assessment will be scored: Answer key

Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 75% of the students will score 75% or higher

Who will score and analyze the data: Department Chair

Course Objectives

1. Explain the different theories of why society chooses to criminalize certain acts.

Matched Outcomes

2. Explain how our societal structure, politics and economics affect the criminalization of behavior.

Matched Outcomes

3. List the 7 basic elements of all crimes.

Matched Outcomes

4. Describe why criminal responsibility is negated by defenses.

Matched Outcomes

5. List and describe which circumstances may negate responsibility.

Matched Outcomes

6. Apply a criminal code to behaviors, through an issue identification examination.

Matched Outcomes

7. Determine when a crime has occurred, including inchoate offenses.

Matched Outcomes

8. Determine if a criminal defense is applicable based on the suspect's actions.

Matched Outcomes

New Resources for Course
Course Textbooks/Resources

Textbooks

Samaha, Joel. *Criminal Law*, 10th ed. WADSWORTH, 2011, ISBN: 978-0-495-807.

Manuals

Steffel, Jeff. Michigan Criminal Law and Police Procedure, Lansing Community College, 01-01-2012

Periodicals

Software

Equipment/Facilities

Reviewer

Action

Date

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Recommend Approval

Mar 11, 2013

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Recommend Approval

Mar 12, 2013

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Approve

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