Course Title – Fundamentals of Criminal Law
Course Prefix and Number – CRIJ 1310
Department – Criminal Justice
Division - Social & Behavioral Science
Course Type: (check one)
☑ Academic General Education Course (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
☐ Academic WCJC Core Course
☐ WECM course (This course is a Special Topics or Unique Needs Course: Y ☐ or N ☐)

Semester Credit Hours #: Lecture Hours #: Lab/Other Hours #: 3:3:0

Equated Pay hours for course - 3

Course Catalog Description - This course is the study of criminal law including application of definitions, statutory elements, defenses and penalties using Texas statutes, the Model Penal Code, and case law. The course also analyzes the philosophical and historical development of criminal law and criminal culpability.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites – TSI satisfied in Reading and Writing

Prepared by Linda Clark Date 2-28-14
Reviewed by Department Head Linda Clark Date 2-28-14
Accuracy verified by Division Chair Amanda Shelton Date 3/6/14
Approved by Dean or Vice President of Instruction gghunt Date 3/17/14
I. Topical Outline – Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, clinical or other non-lecture instruction):

A. The nature and history of criminal law
B. Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime
C. Justification as Defenses
D. Excuses as Defenses
E. Insanity Defense
F. Crimes Against Persons: Homicide, Assaults
G. Crimes Against Property: Larceny, Theft, Computer Crime
H. Public Order Offenses
I. Model Penal Code
J. Effect of criminal law on policing and corrections

II. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify the elements of crimes and defenses under Texas statutes, Model Penal Code, and case law.
2. Classify offenses and articulate penalties for various crimes.
3. Compare culpable mental states when assigning criminal responsibility.
4. Assess the impact of history and philosophy on current criminal laws.
5. Evaluate the application of criminal law to other areas of criminal justice such as law enforcement and corrections.

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III. Required Text(s), Optional Text(s) and/or Materials to be Supplied by Student.


IV. Suggested Course Maximum - 35

V. List any specific spatial or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

none

VI. Course Requirements/Grading System – Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course

90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
0-69 F
Tests/quizzes 40-60%
Legal/systems analysis paper(s) 15-30%
Homework 10-20%
Discussions 10-20%
Attendance 5-10%

VII. Curriculum Checklist

☑ - Academic General Education Course (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
   No additional documentation needed

☐ - Academic WCJC Core Course
   Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
   • ☐ Critical Thinking
   • ☐ Communication
   • ☐ Empirical & Quantitative Skills
   • ☐ Teamwork
   • ☐ Social Responsibility
   • ☐ Personal Responsibility

☐ - WECM Courses
   If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix & Competencies Checklist.