



## I. Course Information

**Course:** LAW 0670 - Criminal Law

**Semester and Year:** Fall 2017

**Course Start and End Dates:** 08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017

**Course CRN and Section:** 22027 L02

**Building and Room:** Shepard Broad Law Center - LECTR3

## II. Instructor Information

**Name:** Arcabascio, Catherine

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**Phone:** 954-262-6174

**Office Hours:** If you cannot meet me during office hours, please email to schedule an appointment

**Office Hours:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment other days

## III. Class Schedule and Location

Day	Date	Time	Location	Building/Room	Type
MW	08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Shepard Broad Law Center- LECTR3	CLAS
M	11/27/2017 - 11/27/2017		Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Exam-EXAM	EXAM

## IV. Course Description

This course examines the basic principles of American criminal law: definition of crimes, criminal responsibility, defenses, proof, and punishment. This is a required course.

## V. Learning Outcomes

*Students completing this instructional offering are expected to:*

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of substantive legal doctrine fundamental to this course (e.g., case law, legal concepts, legal principals, regulations and statutes).
2. Identify legal issues and apply legal reasoning and analysis to solve problems in a logical and structured manner to issues covered in this course.
3. Communicate orally or in writing, or both, the legal reasoning and analysis regarding issues covered in this course.

## VI. Materials and Resources

**Section Required Texts and Material:**

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS:

Title: Criminal Law: A Context and Practice Casebook  
Authors: Friedland, Carpenter, Chavis, & Arcabascio  
Publisher: Carolina Academic Press  
Edition: 1st  
ISBN: 978-1-59460-567-3  
**Section Recommended Texts and Materials:** Title: Understanding Criminal Law  
Author: Joshua Dressler  
Edition: Latest  
ISBN 978-1-4224-2987-7  
**Book Url:** [NSU Book Store](#)

## VII. Course Requirements

A. All students are required to read and brief each case assigned. Please note that you will undoubtedly have supplemental required readings throughout the semester. Additionally, you will have writing assignments throughout the year. All students are expected to attend class and contribute to class discussion. I will call upon students randomly in order to move along the discussion, but I prefer an interested and engaged crowd.

Note that all of the provisions in the Code of Academic Regulations are in effect in this class. Please completely familiarize yourself with this and any other codes governing student conduct and responsibilities.

You will notice that there are two “catch-up days” imbedded in the syllabus. Each year, the Criminal Law class has its own ebb and flow and as a result, we will slow down and spend more time on a particular area should I deem it necessary based on your performance and understanding of the material. Thus, I may need to use that day at some point during the semester either to catch up or to give you an in-class practice quiz or writing assignment for the materials we have covered. I will let you know in advance when I am going to use one of those days. **You, however, always should be ready to move forward into the materials that are assigned for the following day’s class.** In addition, keep in mind that you are responsible for all of the assigned readings, whether or not we cover them in class.

I encourage you to ask as many questions as you can in class. No question is insignificant. If, due to time constraints, I cannot answer your questions in class, please feel free to meet with me after class or at any other time that is mutually convenient. You also should feel free to email me any of your questions.

I hope you enjoy learning Criminal Law as much as I enjoy teaching it! I look forward to meeting each one of you individually before the semester is over

## VIII. Course Schedule and Topic Outline

### Course Schedule:

Class schedule and readings are subject to modification, but not without prior notification.

Class	Pages	Date
1. Ch. 1 Crime Creation: the anatomy of a crime	3-23	8/21
2. Ch. 1 Crime Creation: the anatomy of a crime (con't)	24-31	8/23
3. Ch. 2 Who Makes Criminal Laws?	33-44	8/28
4. Ch. 3 The Limits on Crime Creation	45-68	8/30
5. Ch. 4 The Purposes of Punishment	69-80	9/6
6. Ch. 5 Acts and Results	91-118	9/11
7. Ch. 6 Mental States	119-140	9/13
8. Ch. 7 Negating Mental States	141-164	9/18
9. Ch. 8 Criminal Homicide	165-193	9/25
10.Ch. 8 Criminal Homicide (con't)	194-231	9/27
11. Ch. 8 Criminal Homicide (con't)	231-254	10/2
12. Ch. 9 Affirmative Defenses-Justification and Excuse	255-286	10/4
13. Mid-year Assessment	In-Class	10/9
14.Ch. 9 Defenses (con't)	281-306	10/11
15. Ch. 9 Defenses (con't)	307-321;342-348	10/16
16. Catch-Up/Review Day	----- ----- --	10/18
17. Ch 9 Defenses (con't)	322-341	10/23
18. Ch. 10 Inchoate Offenses and Vicarious Liability	349-371	10/25
19. Ch. 10 Inchoate Offenses and Vicarious Liability (con't)	371-392	10/30
20. Ch. 10 Inchoate Offenses and Vicarious Liability (con't)	393-400	11/2
21. Ch. 11 Crimes Against Habitation	401-414	11/6

22. Ch 12 Theft Offenses	415-434	11/8
23. Ch. 13 Sexual Assault Crimes	435-462	11/13
24. Ch. 14 Computer Crimes	463-486	11/15
25. Ch. 15 Emerging Issues in Criminal Law	487-504	11/20
26. Catch-Up/Review Day	----- ----	11/22
Final Exam		11/27

## IX. Grading Criteria

### Final Grade:

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Your final grade is determined by your performance on a combination of different tasks : **(possible tasks may include papers, tests, online discussions, group projects, etc.)**

Midterm Assessment	20%
Final Exam	80%
TOTAL	100%

The College of Law uses the following grading system:

A	4.00
A-	3.75
B+	3.50
B	3.00
B-	2.75
C+	2.50
C	2.00
C-	1.75
D+	1.50
D	1.00
D-	0.75
F (or WF)	0.00

## X. Course Policies

### Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance is required in all courses. This course follows the attendance policies detailed in the *Code of Academic Regulations* available at:

[https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code\\_of\\_Academic\\_Regulations.pdf](https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code_of_Academic_Regulations.pdf) . The maximum number of absences allowed before a student receives an F for excessive absences in this course is 5. Please note that pursuant to Rule 2.2.2. of the Code of Academic Regulations, I "may lower to the next lowest available grade a student's final grade in a course if [you are] deemed...to be unprepared for class during more than two (2) class sessions." Additionally, pursuant to Rule 2.1.3., I reserve the right to "treat any physical absence from the classroom, during the entire duration of the class— including lateness in arriving, earliness in departing, and absence from the room in mid-class—as an absence."

### Credit Hour Requirements:

Number of Credits Earned	Total Required Number of In-Classroom Minutes for Semester	Total Required Number of Out-of-Classroom Minutes for Semester	Total Minutes/Hours Required for Instructional Offering
4	3000	7200	10,200 (170 hours)

## XI College Policies

## 21. College Policies

Students should visit <http://www.nova.edu/academic-affairs/nsu-syllabus-policy.html> to access additional required college-wide policies and [https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code\\_of\\_Academic\\_Regulations.pdf](https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code_of_Academic_Regulations.pdf) for policies specific to the College of Law. It is your responsibility to access and carefully read these policies to ensure you are fully informed. As a student in this class, you are obligated to follow these policies in addition to the policies established by your instructor.

The following policies are described on these websites:

- Academic misconduct
- Last day to withdraw
- Email policy
- Student course evaluations
- Student responsibility to register
- Student responsibility for course prerequisites
- Class Preparation
- Graduation Requirements, etc.

**Additional Academic Resources:** Nova Southeastern University offers a variety of resources that may aid in student success. Among these resources is:

**Accommodations for students with documented disabilities.** For more information about ADA policy, services, and procedures, students may call the Office of Student Disability Services at 954-262-7185 or visit <http://www.nova.edu/disabilityservices>.