



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: 21898 L03

Building and Room: Shepard Broad Law Center - LECTR5

II. Instructor Information

Name: Dobson, Mark

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III. Class Schedule and Location

Day	Date	Time	Location	Building/Room	Type
TR	08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017	8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Shepard Broad Law Center-LECTR5	CLAS
F	08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Shepard Broad Law Center-LECTR5	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: *Criminal Law: Cases and Materials*

Kaplan, Weisberg and Binder
Eighth edition
Publisher: Wolters Kluwer, Law and Business
ISBN: 9781454868217

Section Recommended Texts and Materials: N/A

Section Supplemental Material: All students are required to read two articles which will be placed on reserve in the library under the professor's name and course title. These are (1) Moskowitz, *The O.J. Inquisition: A United States Encounter with Continental Criminal Justice* and (2) Estrich, *Rape*. The professor recommends that students wait until late October, early November to read these articles.

Book Url: [NSU Book Store](#)

VII. Course Requirements

Each student needs to prepare a written brief for each major case assigned from the text. The required briefing format, and what constitutes a major case, will be explained in the first class.

VIII. Course Schedule and Topic Outline

Course Schedule: Date Assignment

(All page references in this schedule are to the Kaplan, Weisberg, Binder text unless otherwise noted.)

8/22	pp. 1-27 (You do not need to prepare any written notes for this class. Just read the assigned pages.)
8/24	pp. 29 - 76. prepare to discuss the introductory Problem on pp. 29-31.
8/25 - 1128.	pp. 115 - 130; focus on n. 2, 5 after <u>Proctor</u> ; n. 3-6 after <u>Jones</u> ; Appendix A, pp. 1125
8/29	pp. 130-151; focus on n. 1 after <u>Barger</u>
8/31	pp. 151-159; n. 1-4 after <u>Martin</u> ; n. 1,2,6,7 after <u>Grant</u>
9/1	pp. 159-176; n. 4,5 after <u>Robinson</u> ; n. 1,2 after <u>Johnson</u> ; n. 4 after <u>Hudson</u>
9/5	pp. 176- 180; pp. 199- 210; n. 2,3,4,5,7 after <u>Dillard</u> (Brief n. 7)
9/7	pp. 210- 224; n. 1-3 after <u>Wulff</u> ; n. 1,2 after <u>Lambert</u>
9/8	pp. 224-240; this class begins discussion of the most difficult material we will do this semester. through study of all notes after <u>Faulkner</u> is critical. Prepare the htpo in the Snapshot review on pp. 239-240.
9/12	pp. 240- 257; n. 1-7 after <u>Prince</u> ; n. 2-6 after <u>Ryan</u> ; n. 1 after <u>Elonis</u>
9/14	pp. 257-258; prepare the hypos in n. 1 of the Snapshot Review.
9/15	pp. 258 - - 277; focus on Introduction before <u>Bray</u> ; n. 1-3 after <u>Baker</u> ; n. 1-5 after <u>Twitchell</u> . We will discuss the material in this order: <u>Baker, Bray, Hopkins (in n. 3); Checks, Twitchell and Long (n. 5).</u>
9/19	pp. 277-288; n. 1 after <u>Cameron</u> ; n. 1-2 after <u>Egelhoff</u>
9/20	(This is a make-up Friday. Classes meet on a Friday's schedule). pp. 289- 302; n. 1,2 after <u>Dyos</u> ; n. 1 after <u>Benge</u>
<u>9/21 & 9/22</u>	No classes, Rosh Hashanah
9/26	pp. 302-322, n. 1-4 after <u>Hubbard</u> ; n.1, 3, 7 after <u>Rhoades</u> ; n. 1, 7, 8 after <u>Root</u> ; n. 1-5 after <u>Hamilton</u>
9/28	pp. 322-339, n. 1-4 after <u>Stephenson</u> ; n. 2, 5 after <u>Kevorkian</u>

9/29	pp. 341-365, n. 2,3 after <u>Francis</u>
10/3	pp. 365-387; n. 5, 6, 11 after <u>Watson</u> ; n. 1-5 after <u>Walker</u>
10/5	pp. 387-407; n. 1, 2, 3, 5 after <u>Fraley</u> ; n. 3,4,6 after <u>Rowland</u>
10/6	pp. 408-430
10/10	pp. 430-450
10/12	pp. 450-477
10/13	pp. 477-48; pp. 484-487; <u>Sturdivant</u> case handout
10/17	pp. 549-566
10/19	pp. 566-593
10/24	pp. 593-616
10/26	pp. 616-646
10/31	pp. 647-670
11/2	pp. 670-701
11/3	pp. 703-722
11/7	pp. 723-745
11/9	pp. 745-768
11/10	pp. 769-784
11/14	pp. 785-809
11/16	pp. 810-838
11/17	pp. 853-868
11/21	pp. 868-904

IX. Grading Criteria

Final Grade: Final grades will be largely based on the final exam. The final exam will be no longer than 4 hours in length and will consist of both multiple choice and essay questions.

Quizzes, both graded and ungraded may be given during the course of the semester. If the quizzes are graded, this will be announced ahead of time. The graded quizzes will count no more than 20% of the final grade.

Any student who is deemed unprepared more than twice in this course will have his/her final grade lowered to the next grade level, e.g. from a "B" to a "B-", after the final grades are initially assigned.

X. Course Policies

General Policy: General Policy: This class follows the law school's general policies on attendance and preparation unless otherwise noted in this syllabus.

No food is allowed while class is going on, except for medically necessary reasons previously approved by the instructor. No individual audio taping is allowed for this class.

Attendance Policy: Attendance Policy: Regular attendance is required in all courses. This course follows a **stricter attendance** policies -- the maximum number of absences is 4 after which a student receives an **F** - as detailed more fully in the Code of Academic Regulations.

There will be an Attendance Sheet distributed in each class session; students are responsible for ensuring that their name gets on this sheet. Signing another student's name or having someone sign another student's name to the Attendance Sheet is an Honor Code Violation.

Credit Hour Requirements: As set forth in ABA Standard 310, students should spend a minimum of 2 hours of out-of-class preparation for every in-class hour in accordance with the chart in section 2.2 of the Code of Academic regulations, May 1, 2017.

For a 4 credit class such as this one, the total required out-of-classroom minutes for a semester is 7200.

XI. 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 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 954-262-7189 or visit <http://www.nova.edu/disabilityservices>.