

Trident Technical College
Department of Criminal Justice

Criminal Law (CRJ 115)
Summer 2018

Course Title: Criminal Law		Prefix Number: CRJ 115	
Lecture Hours:	3.0	Lab Hours:	0
Contact Hours:	3.0	Credit Hours:	3.0

Catalog Description:

This course covers the development of criminal law in America including the basic elements of specific criminal offenses, criminal defenses and various legal principles upon which criminal law is established and reviewed.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be competent to perform the following tasks:

1. Identify the elements necessary to prove specific criminal activity.
2. Identify defenses to criminal charges.
3. Exhibit a basic understanding of how the criminal law of South Carolina is established and how to locate the written law and reported criminal cases of Federal and State Appellate courts.

Text and other required materials:

Criminal Law, Second Edition by Jennifer L Moore and John Worrall. Pearson Publishing, 2018, ISBN-13-978-0-13-455909-4.

*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, (6th edition), American Psychological Association, Washington DC, ISBN 1-4338-0561-8.

Other reading materials as directed by instructor.

*Optional but highly recommended

Grading System and Policy:

Final grades will be awarded according to the following College-wide grading scale:

91-100 =A
81-90=B
71-80=C
65-70=D
Below 65=F

The final grade in this class will be based upon three tests, assigned paper, paper presentation and class participation. **Tests will count 50%, the thesis statement and the research paper will count 30%, and homework assignments, discussions, and class participation will count 20% of the final grade.**

Tests: Tests may consist of multiple choice, true/false, or short answer questions. The test schedule will be as follows:

Test 1- Week 3

Test 2- Week 5

Test 3- Week 10

* see calender on last page

Make-up Tests and Exemption Policy: If a student cannot take one of the three tests during the allotted time due to an illness or an emergency, as long as the instructor is notified in advance, then that student will be allowed to take a make-up test in the last week before final exams. Test 3 which is not cumulative will be the final exam. There will be NO make-up opportunities for Test 3.

Online component: The professor teaches this course both in traditional format and on-line format using the College's D2L (Desire to Learn) system. This is self explanatory to the on-line students who will submit all of their assignments in the dropbox. However, for all lecture classes, the professor also creates an "online" course shell. Therefore, students in traditional (lecture) classes will also use the dropbox (Course Work>Assignments) to submit assignments. The College has computer labs available for student use on all three campuses. Students who experience problems with home computers should plan to accomplish their assignments at the College.

Research Paper: Each student will pick a thesis that must be approved by the instructor that relates to criminal law. Your thesis is due on or before **June 10, 2018 in the drop box (Course Work>Assignments)**. **The topic and list of 5 academic journals must be in writing.** It should contain your subject matter and how you are going to go about researching your topic. Once approved the topic CANNOT be changed. The paper will be 5 to 7 pages (1500- 2000 words) in length using correct APA (American Psychological Association) citation and referencing format with **a minimum of 5 academic journal sources** exclusive of textbooks, dictionaries, and encyclopedias (this includes electronic encyclopedias such as Wikipedia, which is not an academic source). This is a formal paper and should be written in 3rd person in Standard English. Your thesis is to be stated and connected to your conclusion, and a complete bibliography is to be furnished at the conclusion of the document .

The completed paper is due on or before July 22, 2018. Papers will not be accepted late-they are due in the drop box (Course Work>Assignments) by 11pm. You will lose one full letter grade for every day late thereafter. The paper must be typed using Times New Roman, size 12 font and double spaced. A title page, an abstract page and a bibliography page must be included. These do not count towards the 5 to 7 page requirement. Page numbers must appear at the bottom of the page except for the title page. Grammar, including spelling and punctuation, general clarity, and organization, PLUS a clear thesis and

connection to the conclusion is what your paper will be graded on. Additionally, each student is strongly encouraged to refrain from using lengthy quotes in papers, Discussion Board, and assignments. The instructor is interested in your ability to articulate an analysis of a situation and not your ability to cut and paste electronically. Additionally, you must give an in-class PowerPoint presentation on your paper. You may also submit an optional manuscript by July 15, 2018. I will critique your paper and return to you for corrections.

Homework Quizzes:

All sections (on-line/lecture) will take quizzes each week. There are 13 quizzes. The quizzes are taken on-line through D2L. They are open book and students will have 2 hours to complete each quiz. The test questions will come from the quizzes.

Attendance Policy:

Class attendance and participation are not optional and are expected of all students. For on-line students this will be calculated by discussion participation (see below.)

Your grade may be penalized for lack of attendance, lack of participation, late arrival to class, late submission of assignments, or other unprofessional behavior, at the discretion of the instructor. In cases of illness or emergency, notify the respective instructor prior to class, either by email or voice mail. An absence is defined as nonattendance for any reason, including illness, emergency or official leave. Personal travel and social absences are not excused absences. If you arrive late to class, you may not be allowed into the classroom and may be considered absent for that period. If you leave before the instructor dismisses class, you may also be considered absent. All class sessions are important. Any time you miss a class you increase your risk of making a failing grade. For example, some departments or individual instructors will count your class participation as a substantial percentage of your grade. Of course, if you are not in class, you will not get the necessary points for your class participation. If you quit coming or participating in the course and do not officially withdraw by the withdrawal date for each semester, you will receive a grade of F. Your instructor cannot assign a grade of W. If you receive financial aid or veterans' aid, your aid may be revised as a result of any changes in your course schedule.

All Veteran students are required to maintain attendance in classes in order to earn VA benefits. Class attendance may affect benefits. See your VA counselor for details.

For Students Enrolled in Online or Other Distance-Learning Sections: To confirm that you are actively involved in this course you need to contact the instructor at least once per week. Forms of contact can include (but are not limited to) posting/receiving emails, participating in online class discussions or chat rooms, and completing and submitting course assignments. **On-line students must participate in the weekly discussions questions.**

Classroom Civility: Student learning is a top priority. Students are expected to come to class prepared and attentive. To ensure a productive learning environment, students must show courtesy and respect to their instructors and fellow students. Instructors will not tolerate uncivil or disruptive behavior. The instructor may dismiss a disruptive student from the class for the remainder of the class period. If inappropriate behavior persists, the instructor may refer the student to the Vice President for Student Services for disciplinary evaluation.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty is defined as the transfer, receipt or use or attempted transfer, receipt or use of academic information in a manner not authorized by the Instructor or the rules of the College. It includes but is not limited to cheating and plagiarizing as well as aiding or encouraging another to commit academic dishonesty. Cheating is defined as wrongfully giving, taking or presenting any information or material by a student with the intent of aiding oneself or another on academic work. This includes but is not limited to a test, examination, presentation, experiment, or any written assignment, which is considered in any way in the determination of the final grade. **This also includes recycling work/papers from other classes. You may NOT do this.** It is also prohibited to submit a paper that was submitted in another semester. **Your work must be an original paper produced for this class.** Plagiarism is the taking or attempted taking of an idea, writing, a graphic, music composition, art or datum of another and presenting or attempting to present it as one's own.

Students should also be advised that Trident Technical College utilizes www.Turnitin.com. This system is a comprehensive plagiarism assessment system that effectively evaluates your paper to insure that it is original (did not buy it off the web for example) and for proper referencing (attribution) of other author's work. It finds everything in your paper- where it came from and gives an originality index that is an indicator of your work. Oh, yes, it finds everything, from around the world, at other universities, web pages, journals, newspapers, other student submissions and once your paper is submitted it is also referenced and becomes part of the database.

Electronic Communication Devices :

To minimize classroom disruptions and protect the integrity of test-taking situations, activated electronic communication devices such as pagers and telephones are generally not permitted in classrooms at Trident Technical College. The only exception to this policy will be for on-call emergency personnel (police, fire, EMS), who will be required to notify their classroom instructor of their need for such devices at the beginning of the term and provide documentation verifying their occupation. However, on-call emergency personnel may not leave a testing situation or communicate by electronic means and return to complete an examination. In these cases, instructors should make arrangements for re-testing. Smart phones, laptops and tablet technology may be used in the classroom for instructional purposes as allowed by the instructor.

Safety:

For your safety, if you have a medical condition that results in seizures, blackouts, etc. (e.g., from epilepsy, diabetes), please inform your instructor. This information will be kept confidential. If you wish to seek accommodations due to a disability, please contact Services for Students with Disabilities, Building 410, Room 210.

Accommodations' for Students with Special Needs:

The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should notify the Counselor for Students with Disabilities (located in Counseling and Career Development, Building 410, Room 210) and their instructors of any special needs. Instructors should be notified on the first day of classes.

Weekly Assignments

Week 1 (May 29-June 3) Course syllabus/Chapters 1 and 2 (quizzes 1,2)

Week 2 (June 4-10) Chapters 3 and 4 (Paper Topics Due) (quizzes 3, 4)

Week 3 (June 11-17) Test 1 (Chapters 1-4)

Week 4 (June 18-24) Chapters 5 and 6 (quizzes 5, 6, 7)

Week 5 (June 25-July 1) Chapters 7 and 8 (quiz 8), Test 2 (5-8)

Week 6 (July 2-July 8) Student holiday

Week 7 (July 9-15) Chapters 9 and 10 (quizzes 9 and 10) (optional manuscript)

Week 8 (July 16-22) Chapters 11 and 12 (quizzes 11 and 12) (paper due)

Week 9 (July 23-29) Chapters 13 (quiz 13)

Week 10 (July 30-August 5) Test 3 (9-13)