

University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Department of Criminal Justice  
CRJ 130 Fall 2016, Introduction to Criminal Law  
Tue and Thur 11:30 am -12:45 pm

Instructor:

Office Hours: Tue 10:00-11:15am, Wed 8:00-10:30am, Thur 10-11:15am, or by appointment

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### Required Resources

Textbook: Lippman, Matthew R. (2015). Contemporary Criminal Law: Concepts, Cases, and Controversies. 4th Edition. Sage Publications ISBN: 9781506333229

Textbook website: <https://edge.sagepub.com/lippmancc14e>

Tool: i>clicker and/or REEF Polling subscription

Internet Resources: Outlines for the class lectures, case brief instructions, i>clicker registration information and the additional readings, lectures and reviews will be posted on the course website on WebCampus. Assistance is available in the computer laboratories on campus should you have any problems accessing the resources.

There is a wealth of legal information available through the internet as well (legislations, case law, legal opinions, law reviews, etc.). A good place to start is with Findlaw at [www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com).

### Objectives

The main objective of this course is to introduce students to the nature and scope of criminal law. Students will learn about what constitutes a crime, the definition and classification of crimes, who can be held responsible for criminal actions and possible defenses to criminal behavior.

By the end of this course students will:

1. Interpret case decisions and precedent.
2. Analyze criminal acts, their elements and parties to offenses.
3. Write a case brief.
4. Define legal vocabulary and apply legal reasoning.

Grading Scale:

A=93-100%	B+ = 87-89%	C+ = 77-79%	D+ = 67-69%	F=59% or lower
A- = 90-92%	B = 83-86%	C = 73-76%	D = 63-66%	
	B- = 80-82%	C- = 70-72%	D- = 60-62%	

## Requirements

### Grade Determinants:

Quiz #1: 10% (September 13th)

Quiz #2: 10% (October 6th)

Quiz #3: 10% (November 1st)

Final Exam: 30% (Wednesday, December 15th -10:10 am)

Law & Order Analysis: 15% (Due October 25th)

Case Brief: 15% (Due November 15th)

Class Participation (Clickers): 10%

### Attendance:

Although attendance is not mandatory in this course, students may find that attending class is necessary in order to pass. A portion of your grade (10%) will come from participating in class through i>clicker questions. Also a substantial number of multiple-choice questions on the four tests will come from class lecture material and this material may not be covered in the course textbook.

I will be using the REEF Polling by i>clicker student response system in class this term. REEF Polling by i>clicker helps me to understand what you know and gives everyone a chance to participate in class. Participation with REEF Polling by i>clicker will account for 10% of your final grade. I am expecting students to participate in 80% of the REEF Polling by i>clicker activities to get a full 10%. 100% participation is not expected to account for times you aren't able to participate.

You will need to create a REEF Polling account to vote in class using your laptop, smart phone, or tablet connected to the university's Wi-Fi. You may also use your i>clicker remote in combination with your REEF Polling account.

### Creating Your REEF Polling Account

Go to <http://freef-education.com> or download the REEF polling app for iPhone/iPad to sign up for a REEF Polling account. You should use your university email address and your NSHE student number in the Student ID field. If you need to change your email address, password, or student ID, edit your account profile. Do ***not*** create and use more than one REEF Polling account as you will only receive credit from a single account.

Unless you will exclusively be using an i>clicker remote, you will need to purchase a subscription to use REEF Polling. You can use a credit card to purchase online or in-app purchase. Creating a REEF Polling account automatically starts a free 14-day trial subscription.

### Add a Clicker to your REEF Polling Account

If you want to use your i>clicker remote, you must register it with your REEF account. Register your clicker by logging into REEF Polling, navigate to your profile, and then enter your 8-character clicker ID. You may use either your smart device or registered clicker to vote in classroom polls throughout the term and will be able to review your session history no matter which device you use.

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### *Add this course to your REEF Polling*

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### Cheating with REEF Polling by i>clickers

We consider bringing a fellow student's i>clicker to class to be cheating and a violation of the University Honor Code. If you are caught with a remote other than your own or have votes in a class that you did not attend, you will forfeit all REEF Polling points and may face additional disciplinary action.

### Make-up Exams:

Written proof will be required to make-up exams missed due to illness, death in the family, or observance of religious holidays. Dr. Kennedy should be contacted prior to or within 24 hours of missing an exam and make-ups will be scheduled at her discretion.

### Late Assignments:

The Law and Order assignment is due in class on October 25th and the case brief is due in class on November 15th. Assignments can be printed or submitted electronically through WebCampus. Assignments handed in after those due dates will lose 5% per day (including weekend days) unless accompanied by a medical note. Assignments handed in late can be emailed to Dr. Kennedy or submitted electronically through WebCampus.

### Class Schedule:

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Readings</i>
1	Aug30	Introduction to course	
2	Sep 1	Nature of Criminal Law	Chapter 1
3	Sep6	Limits of Criminal Law	Chapter 2
4	Sep8	Criminal Liability	Chapter3
5	Sep 13	Quiz 1( <i>Chapters 1,2 &amp; 3</i> ) Actus Reus	Chapter 4
6	Sep 15	Actus Reus –Part 2	

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Readings</i>
7	Sep 20	Mens Rea	Chapter 5
8	Sep 22	Mens Rea- Part 2	
9	Sep 27	Parties to a crime	Chapter 6
10	Sep29	Inchoate crimes	Chapter 7
11	Oct4	Inchoate crimes - Part 2	
12	Oct6	Quiz 2 ( <i>Chapters 4, 5, 6 &amp; 7</i> )	
		Defenses -Justifications	Chapter 8
13	Oct 11	Justifications -Part2	
14	Oct 13	Defenses -Excuses	Chapter 9
	Oct18	<i>Presidential Debate- No class</i>	<i>Work on Law &amp; Order</i>
	Oct20	<i>Presidential Debate- No class</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
15	Oct25	Excuses -Part 2	
		<i>Law &amp; Order Assignment Due</i>	
16	Oct27	Criminal Homicide	Chapter 10
17	Nov 1	<i>Quiz 3 (Chapters 8 &amp; 9)</i>	
		Homicide - Part 2	
18	Nov3	Sex offenses and other assaults	Chapter 11
19	NovO	Assaults - Part 2	
20	Nov10	Burglary, Trespass, Arson & Mischief	Chapter 12
21	Nov15	Crimes against property	Chapter 13
		<i>Case Brief due in class</i>	
22	Nov17	Crimes against property	
23	Nov22	White Collar Crime	Chapter 14
	Nov24	<i>Thanksgiving Day- no class</i>	
24	Dec 1	Crimes Against Morality	Chapter 15
25	Dec6	(Continued)	
26	Dec8	Crimes Against the State	Chapter 16
	Dec 15, 10:10AM	Final Exam (Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16)	

### Additional Policies

Academic Misconduct - Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's function as an educational institution.

An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources. See the Student Academic Misconduct Policy (approved December 9, 2005) located at: <http://studentconduct.unlv.edu/misconduct/policy.html>.

Copyright - The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. **You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The university will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for student violations of fair use laws.** Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional information can be found at <http://provost.unlv.edu/copyright>.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)- The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, <http://drc.unlv.edu/>, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to me during office hours so that we may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach me before or after class to discuss your accommodation needs.

Religious Holidays Policy - Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for fall and spring courses (excepting modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for summer and modular courses, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. This policy shall not apply in the event that administering the test or examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the university that could not reasonably been avoided. For additional information, please visit: <http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531>.

Transparency in Learning and Teaching- The University encourages application of the transparency method of constructing assignments for student success. Please see these two links for further information:

<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/teachingandlearning>

<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/transparency>

Incomplete Grades -The grade of I - Incomplete- can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed all course work up to the withdrawal date of that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student's control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester for undergraduate courses. Graduate students receiving "I" grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

Tutoring and Coaching - The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For more information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC services, visit <http://www.unlv.edu/asc> or call (702) 895-3908. The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of the SSC (ASC Coaching Spot). Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library and College of Engineering TEB second floor.

University Library - Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is Susie Skarl ([https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians\\_by\\_subject](https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians_by_subject)). UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students' access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at <https://www.library.unlv.edu/>.

UNLV Writing Center - One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 895-3908. The student's Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: <http://writingcenter.unlv.edu>.

Rebelmail - By policy, faculty and staff should e-mail students' Rebelmail accounts only. Rebelmail is UNLV's official e-mail system for students. It is one of the primary ways students receive official university communication such as information about deadlines, major campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the university. Students' e-mail prefixes are listed on class rosters. The suffix is always [@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:@unlv.nevada.edu). Emailing within WebCampus is acceptable.

Final Examinations- The date and time for the final exam for this course is listed in the schedule above.