SYLLABUS
INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL LAW
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Required Text: Criminal Law 11th Edition, By Joel Samaha

January 26, 2017
Chapter 1: Introduction

February 2, 2017
Chapter 2: Constitutional Limits on Criminal Law

February 9, 2017
Chapter 3: The Criminal Act: The First Principle of Criminal Liability
Chapter 4: The General Principles of Criminal Liability: Mens Rea, Concurrence, Causation, Ignorance, and Mistake

February 16, 2017 - February 23, 2017
Chapter 5: Defenses to Criminal Liability: Justifications
Chapter 6: Defenses to Criminal Liability: Excuses

March 2, 2017 - Mid-Term Exam

March 9, 2017
Chapter 7: Parties to Crime and Vicarious Liability
Chapter 8: Inchoate Crimes

March 16, 2017 - (Spring Break)

March 23, 2017
Chapter 9: Crimes Against Persons I: Murder and Manslaughter

March 30, 2017
Chapter 10: Crimes Against Persons II: Sex Offenses, Bodily Injury, and Personal Restraint

April 6, 2017 - April 27, 2017
Chapter 11: Crimes Against Property
May 4, 2017 - FINAL EXAM

**Course Objectives:** Upon successful completion of this course, a student should have an understanding of the basic principles of criminal law, from the foundations of the rule of law to the Constitutional protections and limits to the criminal justice system. Students should have an understanding of the elements of crime, both generic and specific crimes, as well how criminal defenses operate. Students will be evaluated through exams, presentations, and in-class participation.  **Students are responsible for knowing the facts and issues of the highlighted cases that accompany each chapter.**

The instructor and the University reserve the right to modify, amend, or change the syllabus (course requirements, grading policy, etc.) as the curriculum and/or program requires.

**Grading** will be based on the following:

33.3%  Class Participation (Attendance, Oral Case Briefs, and General Participation) and Group Projects
33.3%  Exam I
33.3%  Exam II

Letter Grades will be decided as follows:
92-100=A, 88-91=A/B, 82-87=B, 78-81=B/C, 70-77=C, 60-69=D, Below 60=F

**Class Attendance:** Each student is allowed to miss two classes. If a student misses more than two classes, it will be counted against the class participation portion of their final grade.

**Class Assignments:** Oral case briefs will be assigned weekly. Students must be present the week their case is assigned or find a substitute student to handle the discussion. Any student who is not present in class or fails to find a substitute for their assigned presentation will receive zero credit for the assignment.

**Statement of Academic Integrity:** The Carroll University Academic Integrity Policy is located in your student handbook (http://www.carrollu.edu/campuslife/pdfs/handbook.pdf). I encourage you to familiarize yourself with it. If a student violates this policy in any way, I reserve the right to impose a sanction of failure on the assignment/assessment or failure of the course. If you have questions about appropriate citations, please ask.

**Accommodations for Disabilities:** Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations, or any student considering obtaining documentation should make an appointment with Ms. Martha Bledsoe, Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, no later than the first week of class. She can be reached by calling 262-524-7335 or contacting her via email at mbledsoe@carrollu.edu.