

**TULANE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES
PARA-4080-81 CRIMINAL LAW
UPTOWN CAMPUS
SPRING, 2015
CREDIT HOURS: 3 credit hours**

SYLLABUS

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Required Text:

- Bevens, Neal R. Criminal Law & Procedure for the Paralegal, Cengage Learning, 2nd Ed 2014. (ISBN-13: 978-1133693581, ISBN-10: 113369358X)
- LaCrimBook app (free) - search your app store or use online version at <http://loyolalawtech.org/crimbook/>

Course Objective	Assessment Method
Describe the constitutional underpinnings of criminal law	Written Homework and Exam
Apply fact patterns to the elements of criminal offenses to determine culpability	Written Homework and Exam
Demonstrate familiarity with procedural aspects of a criminal trial	Exam, Practical Assignment
Determine relevant sentencing ranges for a given offense, including ranges for a multiple offender.	Written Homework, Exam, Practical Assignment
Apply the principles of legal ethics that can arise in a criminal law context	Written Homework

Grading:

- 60%- Mid-Term and Final Exam combined
- 40%- Written Homework Assignments

Grade Scale:

- 100 - 94 A, 93 - 90 A-
- 89 - 87 B+, 86 - 83 B, 82 - 80 B-,
- 79 - 77 C+, 76 - 73 C, 70 - 72 C-
- 69- 65 D, 65 and below F

Policies:

- Homework assignments must be turned in on time. Please email all assignments to me at jmitchel@loyno.edu by 5pm on the day they are due. Late assignments are penalized at a rate of 10% per day, no exceptions.
- Missing either of the two scheduled exams for any reason is strongly discouraged. You must make arrangements with me prior to the exam date if you need to schedule a make-up exam.
- Although SCS policy prevents basing grades on class participation and attendance, please note that many important concepts in this course are not covered in the coursebook. You will perform better on your written work if you are 1) present in class and 2) participate actively.
- All students are bound by the Honor Code (<http://tulane.edu/college/code.cfm>). I will strictly enforce this with all students.

Practical Assignments:

As part of our homework assignments, you will be asked to use the Orleans Criminal Courts docket to determine the status of a case, a defendant's criminal history, and to predict likely outcomes. The docket is available online at <http://www.opcso.org/dcktmstr/dcktmstr.php>.

CLASS SCHEDULE

All page references are to the Bevans book. Handouts that may be required for any given class will be handed out the week prior and/or posted on Blackboard.

1-12	First Night of Class; Introductions and Course Expectations
1-20	NO CLASS - MLK HOLIDAY
1-26	Introduction to Criminal Law: pp. 1-31
2-2	Arrest, Search, and Seizure: pp. 32-65
2-9	Post-Arrest and Grand Jury/ Evidentiary Issues in Prosecution: pp. 66-114
2-16	NO CLASS- Mardi Gras
2-23	Interrogations, Confessions, and Miranda/Arraignment and Discovery: pp. 115-163
3-3	Principals Accessories and Attempt: pp. 164-184; Mid-Term Exam Review

3-9	MID-TERM EXAM
3-16	Crimes Against the Person: pp.185-219; Sex-Related Crimes: pp.220-244
3-23	Crimes Against Property: pp. 245-270; Crimes Against Public Order, Morality, and Health: pp. 271-298
3-30	NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK
4-6	NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK
4-13	Rights Associated with the Trial, The Trial and: pp. 299-362
4-20	Defenses/Sentencing and Multiple Offender Statutes: pp.363-403, La.R.S. 15:529.1, La. Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 893, 894
4-27	Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief: pp. 403-415, La. Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 926-930.8
4-28	Final Exam Review
5-4	FINAL EXAM

[Please note that this schedule is subject to change. You will be notified of any changes via e-mail and a posting on Blackboard].