

## CRIM 2306-Criminal Law

### **Course Information**

*Course Number/Section* CRIM 2306.0W1.23s  
*Course Title* Criminal Law  
*Term* Spring 2023

### **Professor Contact Information**

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### **Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions**

Students are expected to have a basic grasp of crime and justice issues, such as those that would be covered in an introductory course

### **Course Description**

This course will cover fundamentals of the criminal law system, types of legal defenses, and state/federal penal codes on different types of crime. Major emphasis will be put on base knowledge of these concepts, writing case briefings for major precedent, and participating in shared discussions over hotly debate criminal law issues

### **Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes**

1. Students will be able to describe the major foundations of criminal law at the state and federal levels
2. Students will be able to summarize important court cases that set precedence for criminal law
3. Students will be able to summarize and discuss controversial issues in criminal law

### **Required Textbooks and Materials**

#### *Required Texts*

*Revel Criminal Law, 3e.* By: Jennifer L. Moore, John L. Worrall  
ISBN-13: 9780137370191

#### *Required Materials*

**When you're ready, join your course at:**

[Join my Pearson Revel Course Here](#)

**NOTE: YOU MUST PURCHASE THE PEARSON REVEL COURSE TO SUCCEED IN THIS CLASS**

If you need help, check out these Revel student resources:

[Revel Help](#)

Textbooks and some other bookstore materials can be ordered online or purchased at the [UT Dallas Bookstore](#).

## Assignments

### Tests

There will be 4 40-question multiple choice tests in eLearning. You will only have access to the test from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM on the scheduled day. You will only have 1 hour to complete the test. Only one attempted is permitted. Tests are found under the tests tab on the course homepage. They are accessible on the scheduled dates (see below).

### Case Briefs

You will be required to write 2 case briefs. See the “Sample Case Brief” and “Case Brief Requirements...” documents in the applicable folder under the assignments tab in eLearning for details on how to prepare these assignments. They are due by 11:59 PM on the assigned due dates

### Shared Writings

You will be required to complete 2 shared writing assignments. You are expected to generate meaningful discussion about the topic at hand. See “Discussion Group Requirements...” document in the applicable folder under the Assignments tab in eLearning for more on what constitutes proper discussion. They are due by 11:59 PM on the assigned due date.

### Revel Quizzes

You will complete quizzes for each chapter in the textbook through Pearson Revel. They are 20 multiple choice questions. Quizzes are already open, and you only have one attempt to complete the quiz. You have unlimited time to complete it once you begin. They are open until 11:59 PM on the

### Academic Calendar

DATES	Readings, Assignments, and Tests
Jan 17 – Feb 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read and Study Chapters 1-3</li><li>2. <b>Test 1 over Chapters 1-3 is on Feb. 10 on eLearning</b></li><li>3. <b>Quizzes for Chapters 1, 2, and 3 due Feb 10 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li><li>4. <b>Group Discussion 1 due Feb 10 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li></ol>
Feb 11 – March 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read and Study Chapters 4-6</li><li>2. <b>Test 2 over Chapters 4-6 is on Mar 8 on eLearning</b></li><li>3. <b>Quizzes for Chapters 4, 5, and 6 due Mar 8 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li><li>4. <b>Case Brief 1 due March 8 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li></ol>
March 9 – April 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read and Study Chapters 7-9</li><li>2. <b>Test 3 over Chapters 7-9 is on April 7 on eLearning</b></li><li>3. <b>Quizzes for Chapters 7,8,9 due April 7 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li><li>4. <b>Group Discussion 2 due April 7 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li></ol>
April 8 – May 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read and Study Chapters 10-13</li><li>2. <b>Test 4 over Chapters 10-13 is on May 5 on eLearning</b></li><li>3. <b>Quizzes for Chapters 10,11,12,13 due May 5 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li><li>4. <b>Case Brief 2 due April 7 at 11:59 PM on Revel</b></li></ol>

## **Class Participation**

Regular class participation is expected. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. It also includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures (and/or labs). Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

## **Class Recordings**

Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

The instructor may record meetings of this course. These recordings will be made available to all students registered for this class if the intent is to supplement the classroom experience. If the instructor or a UTD school/department/office plans any other uses for the recordings, consent of the students identifiable in the recordings is required prior to such use unless an exception is allowed by law.

## **Grading Policy**

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Tests (4 @ 100 points each) = 400 pts.

Case briefs (2 @ 60 pts. each) = 120 pts.

Shared writings (2 @ 60 points each) = 120 pts.

Revel Quizzes (13 @ 20 points per quiz) = 260 pts.

Total points = 1000 pts.

## **Course Policies**

### *Make-up exams*

If you need to make-up an exam, you need to email me, and we will be able to work something out.

### *Extra Credit*

There is no extra credit available in this course.

### *Late Work*

Late work will not be accepted under any circumstances. The tests are an exception if there are technical difficulties on the testing day.

**Comet Creed**

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

*“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”*

**Academic Support Resources**

The information contained in the following link lists the University’s academic support resources for all students.

Please go to [Academic Support Resources](#) webpage for these policies.

**UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures**

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please review the catalog sections regarding the [credit/no credit](#) or [pass/fail](#) grading option and withdrawal from class.

Please go to [UT Dallas Syllabus Policies](#) webpage for these policies.

***The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.***