



WOL-401 Criminal Law

Description:

WOL-401 presents the latest laws, regulations, and practices in the field, delivering extensive coverage of every aspect of the law and detailing the duties a paralegal is expected to perform. The course combines high-level, comprehensive coverage of both criminal law and criminal procedure with recent developments, foundational concepts, and emerging trends such as terrorism, treason, and national security crimes; cyber stalking; virtual child pornography; corporate crime; and racial profiling. Case excerpts promote case analysis skills, while learning aids help sharpen students' problem solving and analytical skills.

Textbook: Criminal Law and Procedure 7th Ed. – Hall - ISBN: 9781285861364

Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Compare and contrast federal and state authorities in criminal law.
- Identify and describe the objectives of criminal law.
- Define the two basic elements of most crimes, *mens rea* and *actus reus*.
- Analyze contemporary legal issues concerning death and suicide.
- Describe the major provisions in the Constitution of the United States and its amendments that apply in the criminal context.

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Ch 1: Legal System of the United States
 Ch 2: Introduction to Criminal Law
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Grading Scale

A = 95-100%
 B = 88-94.9%
 C = 80-87.9%
 D = 70-79.9%
 F = Below 70%

Grade Weighting

Chapter Quizzes..... 70%
Final Exam 30%
 100%