



## **CRJU 1068 Criminal Law COURSE SYLLABUS Fall Semester 2017**

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/2250

Class Location: Swainsboro Campus, Building 2, Room 2159

Class Meets: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

CRN: 20205

Preferred Method of Contact: [nmartin@southeasterntech.edu](mailto:nmartin@southeasterntech.edu)

### **INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Instructor Name: Nolan Martin

Office Location: Swainsboro Campus, Building 2, Room 2159

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Tutoring Hours: By appointment only

### **REQUIRED TEXT**

Criminal Law. Thirteenth Edition. Gardner and Anderson. ISBN: 978-1-305-96640-6

### **REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE**

Each student should have a black pen, pencil, highlighter, paper and a three-ring notebook.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces criminal law in the United States, but emphasizes the current specific status of Georgia criminal law. The course will focus on the most current statutory contents of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) with primary emphasis on the criminal and traffic codes. Topics include: historic development of criminal law in the United States; statutory law, Georgia Code (O.C.G.A.) Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses; statutory law, Georgia Code (O.C.G.A.) Title 40 - Motor Vehicle and Traffic Offenses; and Supreme Court rulings that apply to criminal law.

### **MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES**

1. Historical Development of Criminal Law in the United States
2. Statutory Law: Georgia Code (O.C.G.A.) Title 16 – Crimes and Offenses
3. Statutory Law: Georgia Code (O.C.G.A.) Title 40 – Motor Vehicle and Traffic Offenses
4. Supreme Court Rulings that Apply to Criminal Law

## PREREQUISITE(S)

Program Admission

## COURSE OUTLINE

1. Historical Development of Criminal Law in the United States
2. Statutory Law: Georgia Code (O.C.G.A) Title 16 – Crimes and Offenses
3. Statutory Law: Georgia Code (O.C.G.A) Title 40 – Motor Vehicle and Traffic Offenses
4. Supreme Court Rulings that Apply to Criminal Law

## GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

STC has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is a very important aspect of a student's success in this course. Responsibility for class attendance rests with the student. Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes is expected. Students are expected to complete all work required by the instructor. Exceptions to the due dates of assignments due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor. There will be unannounced quizzes/assignments to discourage tardiness/absences. Students that miss an unannounced quiz or assignment will receive a grade of 0.

- Students are expected to complete all work individually. The student is responsible for finding out what has been missed or what is required of them during their absence.
- Midterm and final tests must be completed on the assigned date or taken on the date of the student's return. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero, unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.
- Other (homework) assignments are due on the assigned date. Ten points may be deducted for each day late. Homework assignments may not be accepted after 1 day late and a grade of zero will be given.
- Chapter tests must be completed on the assigned date or taken on the date of the student's return. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero, unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.
- Instructors reserve the right to give unannounced quizzes/assignments. Students who miss an unannounced quiz or assignment will receive a grade of 0. Students who stop attending class, but do not formally withdraw, may receive a grade of F and face financial aid repercussions in upcoming semesters.
- Instructors are responsible for determining whether missed work may be made up and the content and dates for makeup work is at the discretion of the instructor.
- Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an F in a course.

## ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Class attendance is a very important aspect of a student's success. Being absent from class prevents students from receiving the full benefit of a course and also interrupts the learning process. Southeastern Technical College considers both tardiness and leaving early as types of absenteeism. Responsibility for class attendance rests with the student. Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes is required for student success. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the

individual course syllabus.

Instructors have the right to give unannounced quizzes/assignments. Students who miss an unannounced quiz or assignment will receive a grade of 0. Students who stop attending class, but do not formally withdraw, may receive a grade of F and face financial aid repercussions in upcoming semesters.

Instructors are responsible for determining whether missed work may be made up and the content and dates for makeup work is at the discretion of the instructor.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an F in a course.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact Helen Thomas, 912-538-3126, [hthomas@southeasterntech.edu](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu), to coordinate reasonable accommodations.

### **SPECIFIC ABSENCES**

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

### **PREGNANCY**

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please advise me and make appropriate arrangements with Helen Thomas, 912-538-3126, [hthomas@southeasterntech.edu](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu).

### **WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE**

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% portion of the semester (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" is assigned when the student completes the withdrawal form from the course.

Students who are dropped from courses due to attendance (see your course syllabus for attendance policy) after drop/add until the 65% point of the semester will receive a "W" for the course. Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of 'F' being assigned.

After the 65% portion of the semester, the student will receive a grade for the course. (Please note: A zero will be given for all missed assignments.)

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. All grades, including grades of 'W', will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

**Remember** - Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

**MAKEUP GUIDELINES** (Tests, quizzes, assignments, projects, etc.)

Make-up exams will only be given when the student provides a legitimate excuse for missing the exam on the scheduled dates. If the student does not make contact by email or phone with the instructor within 2 days of the scheduled exam date, then a grade of 0 may be given for the exam. Also, students who do not take the exam on the scheduled date will not be offered any bonus or extra credit points that may be given by the instructor during the original exam. Points may be taken off for assignments and projects turned in after the due date.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY**

The STC Academic Dishonesty Policy states All forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the STC Catalog and Student Handbook.

**PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

**1. First Offense**

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

**2. Second Offense**

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

**3. Third Offense**

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

**STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Technical College System of Georgia and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This school is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; with the provisions of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender; with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; and with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

<b>ADA/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) - OCR Compliance Officer</b>	<b>Title VI - Title IX (Employees) - EEOC Officer</b>
Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist	Blythe Wilcox, Director of Human Resources

<b>ADA/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) - OCR Compliance Officer</b>	<b>Title VI - Title IX (Employees) - EEOC Officer</b>
Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Vidalia Office 108 Phone: 912-538-3126 <a href="mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu">hthomas@southeasterntech.edu</a>	Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3147 <a href="mailto:bwilcox@southeasterntech.edu">bwilcox@southeasterntech.edu</a>

## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on STC's website.

## ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [STC website](#).

## TCSG GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

*The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.*

## GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Assignments – Vocabulary and Chapter Questions	25%
Chapter Tests	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%

## GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

# CRJU 1068 Criminal Law Fall Semester 2018 lesson plan

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week of Aug 14 - Aug 18	Chapter 1	Criminal Law: Purposes, Scope, and Sources Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	First Day of Fall Semester. Course Pledge. Student Information. Aug.16 Chapter 1 Assignment Aug. 16	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Aug 21 - Aug 25	Chapter 2	Jurisdiction Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	Chapter 2 Vocab/Chap Questions • Aug 23	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Aug 28 - Sept 1	Chapter 3	Essential Elements of a Crime Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	Chapter 3 Vocab/Chap Questions • Aug 30	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Sept 5 - Sept 8	Chapter 4 Test #1	Criminal Liability Test #1 – Chapters 1-4 Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	Chapter 4 Vocab/Chap Questions • Sep 6	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Sept 11- Sept 15	Chapter 5	Criminal Responsibility and the Capacity to Commit a Crime Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	Chapter 5 Vocab/Chap Questions • Sept 13	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Sept 18 - Sept 22	Chapter 6	The Law Governing the Use of Force Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	Chapter 6 Vocab/Chap Questions • Sept 20	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Sep 25 - Sep 29	Chapter 7 Midterm Exam	Other Criminal Defenses Midterm Exam Chapters 1-7 Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 16 (Crimes and Offenses): Pages 192-459	Chapter7-Vocab/Chap Questions • Sep 27	*1,2,4 **a,b,c
Week of Oct 2 - Oct 3	Chapter 8	Criminal Punishments Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 40 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic): Pages 763-1054	Chapter 8 Vocab/Chap Questions • Oct 3	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Week of Oct 9 - Oct 13	Chapter 9	Free Speech, Street Crimes, and the Bill of Rights	Chapter 9 Vocab/Chap Questions • Oct 11	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Week of Oct 16- Oct 20	Chapter 10	Homicide Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 40 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic): Pages 763-1054 Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 40 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic): Pages 763-1054	Chapter 10 Vocab/Chap Questions • Oct 18	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c

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Week of Oct 23 - Oct 27	Chapter 11 Test #3	Assault, Burglary, and Related Crimes Exam #3 – Chapters 8-11	Chapter 11 Vocab/Chap Questions • Oct 25	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Week of Oct 30 - Nov 3	Chapter 12	Sexual Assault, Rape, Prostitution, and Related Sex Crimes Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 40 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic): Pages 763-1054	Chapter 12 Vocab/Chap Questions • Nov 1	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Week of Nov 6 - Nov 10	Chapter 13	Theft Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 40 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic): Pages 763-1054	Chapter 13 Vocab/Chap Questions • Nov 8	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Week of Nov 13- Nov 17	Chapter 15	White-Collar Crime, Cyber Crime and Commercial Crime Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – Title 40 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic): Pages 763-1054	Chapter 15 Vocab/Chap Questions Nov 15	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Week of Nov 20 - Nov 21	Chapter 16	Drug Abuse and Alcohol Related Crimes Exam #4 – Chapters 12, 13, 15, 16	Chapter 16 Vocab/Chap Questions Nov 21	*1,2,3,4 **a,b,c
Nov 27	Final Review	Chapters 1-13 and 15-16 - Review	Review for Final Exam	
Nov 29	Final Exam	Final Exam: Chapters 1-13 and 15-16	Final Exam	

**Competency Areas: (will vary for each course/taken from state standards)**

1. . **Historic Development of Criminal Law in the United States**
2. **Statutory Law: Georgia Code (O.C.G.A.) Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses**
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4. **Supreme Court Rulings that Apply to Criminal Law**

**General Core Educational Competencies**

- a) The ability to utilize standard written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
- c) The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

**\*\*NOTES:**

- **Internet websites may be used during class to supplement and/or enhance instruction.**
- **The instructor reserves the right to modify this schedule as necessary. If you have any questions about an assignment or due date, please do not hesitate to contact the instructor.**