

# North Central Michigan College

## NCMC MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Last Date Revised: April 2011

**DIVISION/AREA:** Occupational Programs      **DEPARTMENT:** Criminal Justice Programs  
**ASSOCIATE DEAN:** Robert J. Marsh, Ph.D.      **ORIGINATOR:** James A. Carter, MS  
**DEAN OF INSTRUCTION:** Christine M. Hammond, Ph.D.

**HOURS OF INSTRUCTION:** 3

Credit hours: 3  
Lecture: 3  
Lab: 0  
Contact hours: 52.8

**COURSE TITLE:** Criminal Law

**COURSE ALPHA:** A      **COURSE NUMBER:** CJ 207

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** The philosophy and sociology of criminal law including history, development and ethical considerations in criminal legislation. Emphasis is placed on current criminal statutes and their interpretation in relation to specific crimes.

**PREREQUISITE(S):** None

**COREQUISITE(S):**

**GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION AREA:**  
**(example: Social Science Group B)**

**GENERAL EDUCATION/PROGRAM OUTCOMES:**

- Think critically and analytically
- Write and speak effectively
- Independently acquire knowledge

**COMPETENCIES:**

- Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the philosophy and sociology of criminal law and the ethical considerations that exist in criminal legislation.
- Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the history and evolution of the criminal law from English common law to the statutory criminal laws that exist today.
- Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of the role constitutional principles have on the formation and restriction of criminal laws.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the sources of the criminal law, the elements of crimes, criminal responsibility, criminal capacity, punishment, jurisdiction and defenses to crimes.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the police powers of the states in promoting for the public good and the constitutional limitations on those powers.
- Demonstrates basic knowledge of the classifications of crime; i.e., felonies, misdemeanors, civil infractions; types of crimes; i.e., crimes against persons, crimes against property, sex crimes, theft, and other criminal conduct, and the concepts of Actus Reus and mens rea.

- Demonstrates a working knowledge of the terminology of the criminal justice system.

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES:** The course is designed to provide the criminal justice student with a basic understanding of the criminal justice system and current criminal statutes along with the basic concepts on which these statutes are based.

**METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:** Lecture, exams and written paper/research assignments

**METHODS OF EVALUATION:**

Class participation – 10%  
 Four quizzes (5% each) – 20%  
 Mid-term examination – 30%  
 Final examination – 40%

**REQUIRED TEXT AT TIME OF COURSE ADOPTION/REVISION:**

TEXTS: Criminal Law, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition; Gardner and Anderson, Thomson-Wadsworth, 2012, ISBN: 9780495913375

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Kendall Hunt, 2009, ISBN: 9780757587108 (Required)

**Reasonable accommodations can be provided for students with documented disabilities. Please contact Learning Support Services for assistance in Room 533 of the Student and Community Resource Center (SCRC), or call (231) 348-6817.**

**SUGGESTED TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:**

*(List general content description of what is being covered each week)*

WEEK 1	Orientation
WEEK 2	Intro to Criminal Law - Chapters 1 & 2
WEEK 3	Elements of Crimes - Chapter 3
WEEK 4	Criminal Liability/Responsibility - Chapter s 4 & 5
WEEK 5	Punishment and Jurisdiction - Chapters 8 & 9
WEEK 6	Constitutional Rights/Public Order - Chapters 10-12
WEEK 7	Constitutional Rights/Public Order cont'd and Review for Mid-Term
WEEK 8	Mid-Term Exam
WEEK 9	Homicide Chapter 13
WEEK 10	Assaultive Crimes - Chapter 14
WEEK 11	Property Crimes - Chapters.15-17
WEEK 12	Sex Crimes - Chapters 18 & 19

WEEK 13	Other Crimes - Chapters 20-23
WEEK 14	Defenses to a Crime - Chapters 6 & 7

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WEEK 15	Defenses to a Crime cont'd and Review for Final
WEEK 16	Final Exam

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism and cheating on assignments, cheating on laboratory work or examinations, having another person take an exam in one's place, substituting another's work as one's own, falsifying records or providing misinformation regarding one's credentials; unauthorized collaboration on computer assignments and unauthorized access to and use of computer programs, including modifying computer files created by others and representing that work as one's own. Students are expected to adhere to the standards of documentation outlined by their instructor. Individual faculty members may determine appropriate consequences for proven cases of academic dishonesty (refer to Instructor's class syllabi). Instructors shall deal with incidents of academic dishonesty in accordance with the provisions of the NCMC Student Handbook.

APPROVED FOR ADOPTION/REVISION BY THE CRD/AP COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_