

**SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

I. TITLE OF COURSE: CJ2533 - Criminal Law

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Three credit hours
Three credit hours of lecture and Zero credit hours of lab per week.**

This course examines the history, scope and nature of law. It focuses on the parties to a crime; classification of offenses; criminal acts and intent; the capacity to commit crime; and criminal defenses. It will cover the elements of misdemeanor and felony crimes.

Pre-requisite:
None

III. PROGRAM AND/OR DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

Division Statement: The mission of the Humanities and Social Sciences is to foster an appreciation of the role that the humanities and social sciences has played in the evolution of civilized society and to explore the ways that an understanding of theory and practice in philosophy, the social and behavioral sciences, the fine arts, and written and oral expression will enable students to participate thoughtfully in a global society.

The Criminal Justice program at Seward County Community College provides students with the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in the criminal justice field through educational and technical instruction.

IV. TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

Gardner, Thomas J. and Anderson, Terry M., Criminal Law, 13th edition, Boston: Cengage Publishing, 2018.

V. SCCC OUTCOMES:

- 1: Read with comprehension, be critical of what they read, and apply knowledge gained to real life
- 2: Communicate ideas clearly and proficiently in writing, appropriately adjusting content and arrangement for varying audiences, purposes, and situations.
- 3: Communicate their ideas clearly and proficiently in speaking, appropriately adjusting content and arrangement for varying audiences, purposes, and situations.

- 5: Demonstrate the ability to think critically by gathering facts, generating insights, analyzing data, and evaluating information

VI. COURSE OUTCOMES:

At the completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of

criminal law. The student will demonstrate their understanding of the subject by demonstrating at least 70% competency of the topics to be covered, including:

1. Outline the basic tenets from which criminal law is derived
2. Use legal terminology
3. Interpret the principles of inchoate crimes: attempt, conspiracy, and solicitation
4. Compare crimes against public order, morals, and the state
5. Illustrate the general principles of criminal liability
6. Summarize the nature and limitations of defense to criminal liability
7. Compare crimes against persons
8. Examine the limitations of constitutional law
9. Explain vicarious liability and parties to crime
10. Compare crimes against property

VII. COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Criminal Law: Purposes, Scope, and Sources
2. Homicide
3. Theft
4. Drug Abuse and Alcohol-Related Crimes

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

1. Lecture/Discussion
2. In-class assignments and exercises
3. Simulated situations

IX. INSTRUCTIONAL AND RESOURCE MATERIALS:

1. Textbook
2. DVD
3. Internet
4. Current events

X. METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

Methods of assessing SCCC and course outcomes include evaluation of tests, written assignments, and participation in class.

Outcome 1

1. Will be assessed by class participation, writing assignments, and verbal discussion indicating comprehension of material read.

Outcome 2

1. Will be assessed by various writing assignments over subject matter.

Outcome 3

1. Will be assessed by verbal presentation of selected crimes or criminal cases.

Outcome 5

1. Will be assessed by class presentations, essay, multiple choice, and true/false exams, and class discussions over subject matter.

XI. ADA STATEMENT:

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Seward County Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you need support or assistance because of a disability, you may be eligible for academic accommodations. Students should identify themselves to the Dean of Students at 620-417-1106 or going to the Student Success Center in the Hobble Academic building, room 149 A.

XII. CORE OUTCOMES PROJECT:

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet, or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents

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