Introduction to Substantive Criminal Law  

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Class Day & Time: Thursdays Nights, 6:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.  
Required Text: Criminal Code of Oregon,  
Legislative Counsel Committee, Salem, Oregon  

Course Description:  

The purpose of this course will be to examine the definitions and classifications of crimes and their relation and application to the criminal justice system. A major focus of the course will be in the area of legal research, the study of the applicable case law, and the concept of law as a positive or negative social force.  

Instructional Objectives:  

This course is designed to offer the student the following opportunities:  

1) to develop an understanding of the Oregon Criminal Code;  
2) to develop an understanding of the concepts of criminal law; and  
3) to develop the ability to logically identify, through practical application scenarios, different types of crimes, to include crimes against persons, crimes against property, crimes against public order, and other criminal conduct.  

Outline of Course Content:  

A comprehensive analysis of the different aspects of criminal law from the purposes, scope, and sources of the law to the in-depth look at the legal construction of crimes, such as homicide, burglary, prostitution, rape, organized crime, white-collar crime, and drug related crimes.  

Required Student Performance:  

1) regular attendance and class participation;  
2) comprehend information contained in the lectures and assigned readings;  
3) perform adequately on: Mid-Term examination  
   Final Examination  
   In class quizzes  

Grading Procedure:
1) Student performance will be measured by the two examinations.
   Mid-Term Exam   (40% of grade)
   Final Exam      (40% of grade)

2) Student attendance/participation and in class quizzes (20% of grade).

Withdrawal Policy:

Official withdrawal from the class is required by the registrar or you will
receive a grade of “F” for failure. Failure will impact your financial aid
eligibility. Non-attendance does not constitute withdrawal. For additional
withdrawal information, see the registrar’s office or refer to the schedule of
classes.

Grades:

Grades will be determined on a percentage basis from the results on the
listed requirements. Grade percentages are as follows:

   “A” = 90-100%
   “B” = 80-89%
   “C” = 70-79%
   “D” = 60-69%
   “F” = Below 59%

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