



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

LEA 231 Criminal Law and Justice I

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers historical development and philosophical concepts of criminal law, including legal principles, identification and organization of the courts, identification of crime, intent and the provided penalties.

PREREQUISITES: LEA 230

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the components of the U.S. Constitution and the functions of the three branches of government
2. Explain the concepts of *separation of powers* and *checks and balances*
3. Differentiate between *ex post facto* and *bills of attainder*
4. Differentiate between substantive and procedural law
5. Explain what the “elements of a crime” are
6. Identify and describe the different categories of criminal law, e.g., against persons, property, morality, public order, etc.
7. Explain what *inchoate* crimes are
8. Distinguish between trial and appellate court
9. Discuss the difference between an “Indictment” and an “Information”

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E