**CRIMINAL LAW 2020**

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PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS\*

SUBSTANCE:

This course is an introduction to Criminal Law. It will include a discussion of the Common Law and statutory law in the topic. It is intended to provide the basic foundation for the Bar Examination on the subject and to introduce fundamental principles of substantive criminal law to the potential practitioner as well.

CHANGES TO SYLLABUS:

\*N.B. This syllabus is only an approximation of the material that is likely to be covered in the suggested time period. The actual pace will depend upon class session progress.

\*I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR ALTER THE SYLLABUS IN ANY WAY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GRADING AS WELL AS QUIZ AND EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION METHODS.

GRADING:

A midterm examination will be administered. The date will be dependent on class progress.

Assessed performance on intermittent quizzes, the midterm and, of course, the final exam, will determine the grade awarded. Please note that the anticipated method of administration of quizzes is expected to be via TWEN. It is also expected that documents will be placed on Dropbox via the school website. Other platforms may also be used.

It is also anticipated that all students will be required to take the Final Examination, at least, in person. For those students who do not sign the Community Agreement, it may be required that the examination be administered individually at the law school under different than normal circumstances and times.

Grading and testing administration will be consistent with the school policy.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Please be aware that if circumstances dictate it in the evaluation of the school

administration, ZOOM is anticipated to be the method of delivering lectures virtually.

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**\*\*Outside materials will also be assigned.**

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INTRODUCTION

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

TWO CENTURIES - TWO MURDERS

PT. 1. THE SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL LAW

CHAPTER 1: CRIMINALIZATION, DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATION

CLASS #2

CHAPTER 1: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 2: OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

CLASS #3

CHAPTER 2: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 3: OFFENSES AGAINST HABITATION AND OTHER PROTECTED ENTITIES.

CLASS # 4

CHAPTER 3: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 4: OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

CLASS #5

CHAPTER 4: CONTINUED

CLASS #6

CHAPTER 4: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 5: IMPUTABILITY

CLASS #7

CHAPTER 5: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 6: RESPONSIBILITY IN GENERAL

CLASS #8

CHAPTER 6: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 7: RESPONSIBILITY: LIMITATIONS ON CRIMINAL CAPACITY

CLASS #9

CHAPTER 7: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 8: RESPONSIBILITY: MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES

CLASS # 10

CHAPTER 8: CONTINUED

CHAPTER 9: SPECIAL DEFENSES

CLASS #11

CHAPTER 9: CONTINUED

LAST CLASSES:

UNFINISHED MATERIALS AND REVIEW