

Syllabus

Course Code: CRJU 226

Title: Criminal Law

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: Criminal Justice

Course Description: Students will be able to define and explain the basic elements of a crime. They will be able to apply these basic elements to crimes against person and property. Students will compare fundamental legal concepts to the New Jersey Criminal Code.

Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or higher in CRJU 101

Corequisites:

Prerequisites or corequisites:

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

Required Textbook/Materials: Matthew Lippman, Essential Criminal Law, 3rd edition

Additional Time Requirements: For information on Brookdale's policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer to [Academic Credit Hour Policy](#).

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Classify the essential elements of a crime.
- Differentiate defenses of justification and excuse. (These include defenses such as self-defense, insanity, entrapment, etc.)
- Apply knowledge of essential elements of a crime to the definition of crimes in the New Jersey Criminal Code 2C.
- Compare and contrast the different definitions of crime in Common Law to contemporary statutory definitions.
- Consider how acts are defined as wrong and identified as a public wrong as opposed to a private wrong.
- Examine the issues of professional responsibility and ethical standards as they relate to the subject matter of this course.

Course Content:

- Essential elements of a crime
- Defenses of justification
- Defenses of excuse
- Insanity defense

- Common law
- The New Jersey Criminal Code 2C
- Comparison of Common Law and Code definitions:
 - Violent crimes
 - Property crimes
- Legal research in case law

Department Policies:

- The Criminal Justice Department has adopted an attendance policy. If you have 2 unexcused absences, your final grade will be dropped by a full grade. (Example: a final grade of a B will be dropped to a C.) If you have 3 or more unexcused absences (20% or more of the total number of classes) you will automatically fail the course. Excused absences are rarely granted, require supporting documentation, and are limited to 1 excused absence per course.
- Classes will begin and end on time. Lateness and early departure are not accepted.
- Cell phone use during class is not allowed.

Grading Standard:

A 93-100
 A- 90-92
 B+ 86-89
 B 83-85
 B- 80-82
 C+ 77-79
 C 70-76
 D 65-69
 F <65

College Policies:

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:

- Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code

- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [student handbook](#) and [catalog](#).

Notification for Students with Disabilities:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Accessibility Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

Mental Health:

24/7/365 Resources:

- Monmouth Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services at **(732) 923-6999**
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline – Available to talk with you about any problem, distress, or hardship you are experiencing. Call or text at **888-222-2228** or visit the website at <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Faculty Counselors:

- Students who need to make an appointment with a faculty counselor can do so by calling 732-224-1822 (non-emergency line) during business hours. Faculty counselors are licensed mental health professionals who can assist students and refer them to other mental health resources.

Diversity Statement:

Brookdale Community College fosters an environment of inclusion and belonging. We promote a safe and open culture, encourage dialogue respecting diverse perspectives informed by credible sources, and uphold the virtues of civil discourse. We celebrate all identities with the understanding that ultimately, diversity, equity, and inclusion cultivate belonging and make us a stronger Brookdale community.

**The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arise.*