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TEXT: Joel Samaha, Criminal Law, 7th Edition, 

Course Objectives: The objectives of this course are to introduce the student to the principles of substantive criminal law. The student will learn to appreciate the criminal law as a method of social control, the legal requirements necessary to commit a crime, the justifications and excuses available to one accused of a crime, and the legal definitions of selected major crimes. In addition, the student will develop some skills for reading and understanding criminal law cases.

Class Participation: The criminal law is a fascinating and complex subject to study. Discussion and debate form the heart of learning to understand the law. Therefore, student participation in class discussions is essential. Class lectures, reading assignments, newspaper and magazine articles all provide a basis for a discussion of the criminal law.

Readings and Examinations: There will be three scheduled examinations during the semester. These examinations will consist of true/false, multiple-choice and matching questions. Following is the reading and exam schedule.

*EXAM #1 - READ CHAPTERS 1,2,3 & 4  June 23rd  
   (tentative)  
*EXAM #2 - READ CHAPTERS 4,5,6,7 & 8  June 30th  
   (tentative)  
( Final) EXAM #3 - READ CHAPTERS 9,10,11 & 12  July 11th  
   (fixed)  

1. Make-up within three (3) class days. The student must offer a reasonable excuse for failure to take the exam at the assigned time. The excuse must be satisfactory to me. 
2. No early make-up exams will be given
DATES FOR EXAMINATIONS #1 & #2 ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. If any of these exams is rescheduled I will notify you one week ahead of the date of the exam.

EXTRA CREDIT WORK: None.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

IF YOU HAVE A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY THAT MAY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE, YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR COORDINATION IN YOUR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS. THE DRC IS LOCATED IN THE REYNOLDS STUDENT SERVICES COMPLEX IN ROOM 137. THE DRC PHONE NUMBER IS 895-0866 (TDD - 895-0652).