COURSE TITLE: Criminal Law

COURSE NUMBER: CRJ 316

I. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A:
Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the basis of criminal law.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

A-1 Define Actus Reus and Mens Rea.
A-2 Discuss Ex Post Facto Laws
A-3 Read a case brief and fine case citations.
A-4 Classify and grade crimes.
A-5 Discuss the sources of law.
A-6 Discuss the principles of criminal liability.

GOAL B:
Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the defenses to criminal liability.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

B-1 Discuss Insanity defense.
B-2 Discuss Diminished capacity.
B-3 Discuss self-defense.
B-4 Review issues relating to age, duress, mistake, entrapment and intoxication as defenses to criminal liability.

GOAL C:
Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the law of crimes against persons.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

C-1 Define homicide.
C-2 Define the legal definitions of murder and manslaughter.
C-3 Define rape.
C-4 Discuss the legal definitions that govern sex crimes.
C-5 Define the legal definitions of aggravated assault.
C-6 Discuss the legal issue concerning the crime of robbery.
C-7 Review examples and case studies for the application of the specific laws against persons.
GOAL D:
Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the law of crimes against habitation and property.

Learning Outcomes: The student will

D-1 Define the legal definitions of burglary, arson, larceny and the general theft statues.
D-2 Review the concept of “elements of a crime” and cite examples from the criminal code.
D-3 Review the law of the crimes against public order.

GOAL E:
Use appropriate written and oral communication skills.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

E-1 Communicate information orally in a logical and grammatical manner.
E-2 Present written information using standard APA style.