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## CHAMIDANE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS CRIMINAL LAW I

Course Title and Number: Criminal Law I; CJ 22340

Day/Hour: Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.-9:40 p.m.

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Required Textbook: Walston-Dunham, Beth. (1999). Introduction to Law, Albany, NY,: West Legal Studies.

Course Description: This course will present a general overview of the study of substantive and procedural law, with an emphasis on criminal law. Besides criminal law, this course will cover probate, tort, business, family, property and contract law.

Course Objectives: The objectives of this introductory criminal law course are to obtain a general understanding of the American legal system and to become familiar with the substantive and legal procedures within this legal system.

Learning Outcome and Assessments: All of the students' work will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- knowledge of the subject matter from textbooks, lectures, discussions, videos, research and outside sources;
- ability to apply their knowledge to current legal proceedings and hypothetical situations
- logical and critical thinking
- demonstration of achieving the class objectives.

Format: This class will be an interactive, cooperative learning experience. The class format will integrate lectures, group discussions, group projects, debates, videos, hypothetical situations, current events, and presentations. We will cover two chapters a week.

Schedule and weight of quizzes, midterms, finals, and assignments:

Quizzes:	Weeks 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	30%
Midterm:	Week 5	15%
Final:	Week 10	25%
Assignments:		20%
Attendance:		10%
Participation:		10%

**Class Policies:** To make this learning experience a positive one for everyone:

- I expect all students to come to class on time, to be thoroughly prepared, and to actively participate in class discussions.
- I also expect students to be respectful of everyone in the classroom.
- If you will be absent or tardy, please call me at 551-6565.
- If you miss a quiz or test, make rescheduling arrangements with me.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please inform me as soon as possible.

Grading:	90%-100%	A
	80%-89%	B
	70%-79%	C
	60%-69%	D
	59% and below	F

**Disclaimer:** I reserve the right to change this syllabus at any time.