

Course Code: CJS 203

Course Title: Criminal Law and Procedures I

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 43.0103

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Fundamental doctrines of criminal responsibility; criteria for criminal acts; requisite mental state, criminal parties, causation and defenses, common law crimes; application of the Illinois Criminal Code. Basic criminal procedure and evidence.

General Course Objectives

The students will develop the ability to apply the Illinois Criminal Code to fundamental doctrines of criminal responsibility, criteria for criminal acts, mental states, causation, and defenses. The students will also become familiar with the basic rules of criminal procedure and evidence and the use of evidence in courts of law.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

Credit in CJS 101

Methods of Evaluation

3 examinations, chapter quizzes, and written assignments.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Illinois Criminal and Traffic Law Manual, latest edition, by Blue 360 Media. 978-1637297780

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Historical Background of Criminal Law	1. Discuss with insight the history and development of criminal law.	3	0	0
Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Criminal Acts Defined, Jurisdictional Issues, Criminal Intent Defined	1. Demonstrate comprehension of the basic theory and principles of criminal law.	12	0	0
Basic Constitutional Issues: search and seizure, search warrant process, exceptions to search warrant requirements, stop and frisk - Terry doctrine, rights of the accused, exclusionary rule	1. Demonstrate comprehension of basic Constitutional issues. 2. Describe basic procedure regarding Miranda, search and seizure, search warrants, and Terry stops.	10	0	0
Offense-specific Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, Domestic Violence Act	1. Identify and apply the elements of the various criminal offenses with regard to the State of Illinois.	20	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0