

Date: December 2005

- I. Course Name: Criminal Law I
Prefix and Number: CJC 105
Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours – 3 contact hours
Catalog Description: A study of the New York State Penal Law. Sections of the Penal Law will be discussed and analyzed. Specific attention will be given to offenses that are considered to be both serious and frequently committed. Legal definitions, interpretations and classifications of crimes will be examined. General legal principles, recent court decisions and case law will also be considered.

II. Course Objectives and Outcomes

- 1 - To provide each student with the information necessary to develop an in-depth understanding of the New York State Penal Law, the essential elements of offenses within the law, and legal terminology relating to criminal law.
- 2 - To help students develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students may demonstrate their ability to understand the course material and content listed in course objective #1 by passing quizzes and examinations. Course objective #2 may be achieved through a written course notebook and oral communication exercises.
- Students may be able to use a computer to produce a written document.

This course or Criminal Law II is required for an A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice.

College Competencies – Writing, Oral Communications, Problem Solving, Reading, Professional Competency and Computer Literacy are the primary competencies addressed in this course.

III. Methods of Instruction

- Types of course materials: this course may include a textbook and other materials selected by the instructor.
- Method of instruction: this course will be taught by lecture, discussion and presentation.
- Assessment measures: Upon completion of this class, students will have been assessed to measure their ability to analyze criminal statutes and their knowledge of legal terminology and case law.
- Method of Evaluation: grades may be based on exams, quizzes, research papers or other projects.

IV. General Outline of Topics covered

- Crime
- Legal Definitions
- Case Law
- General Legal Principles