

CLS 330 : Criminal Law

This course provides a basic overview and multi-disciplinary analysis of criminal law in the United States. We will begin with an examination of theories of punishment before turning to the general principles of criminal liability and Constitutional limits on criminal law. From this foundation we will examine cases pertaining to various dimensions of criminal law before turning to an analysis of criminal defense and exculpation. Special attention will be paid to the ways marginalized groups (i.e., racial/ethnic minorities, women, low-income populations, LGBTQ+ community, etc.) are differently affected by criminal law and related legal procedures.

Credits 4

Prerequisites

[CLS 100](#) or permission of instructor

Semester Offered

Offered fall of odd-numbered years