

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

CRIMINAL LAW – Professor Langston

SYLLABUS - FALL 2016

COURSE NO. 5100 - Class No. 3899

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 am to 12:15 am Classroom 376

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The Course Criminal Law explores the factors necessary to hold a person criminally liable for his or her actions or inactions. Students learn the elements of common law and statutory crimes, which include crimes against persons, property and habitation. We will examine common defenses and excuses, key sections of the Model Penal Code (MPC), Florida Law, along with the theoretical, philosophical and policy considerations underlying the crimes and the criminal justice system.

TWEN

There is a WESTLAW TWEN page for this course. TWEN is used to send class-related announcements and to distribute additional materials. You are required to sign up on TWEN for this course.

REQUIRED READINGS

Cases and Materials on Criminal Law (seventh edition) Joshua Dressler and Stephen P. Garvey
Additional handouts will be assigned.

First Week Readings

(You must be prepared to participate in class discussions on the first day of class. In the event you do not have a copy of your text, there is a copy of the text book on Reserve in the Library.)

Chapter 1: Nature of the Criminal Law

Owens v. State, State v. Ragland

Chapter 2: Principles of Punishment

Utilitarian and Retributivist

*The Queen v. Dudley and Stephens, People v. Superior Court (Du),
People v. Du, United States v. Gementera*