

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION**

**COURSE TITLE:** Criminal Law

**COURSE NUMBER:** CRJ 316

**I. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:**

**GOAL A:**

Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the basis of criminal law.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- A-1 Define Actus Reus and Mens Rea.
- A-2 Discuss Ex Post Facto Laws
- A-3 Read a case brief and find case citations.
- A-4 Classify and grade crimes.
- A-5 Discuss the sources of law.
- A-6 Discuss the principles of criminal liability.

**GOAL B:**

Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the defenses to criminal liability.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- B-1 Discuss Insanity defense.
- B-2 Discuss Diminished capacity.
- B-3 Discuss self-defense.
- B-4 Review issues relating to age, duress, mistake, entrapment and intoxication as defenses to criminal liability.

**GOAL C:**

Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the law of crimes against persons.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- C-1 Define homicide.
- C-2 Define the legal definitions of murder and manslaughter.
- C-3 Define rape.
- C-4 Discuss the legal definitions that govern sex crimes.
- C-5 Define the legal definitions of aggravated assault.
- C-6 Discuss the legal issue concerning the crime of robbery.
- C-7 Review examples and case studies for the application of the specific laws against persons.

**GOAL D:**

Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the law of crimes against habitation and property.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will

- D-1 Define the legal definitions of burglary, arson, larceny and the general theft statutes.
- D-2 Review the concept of “elements of a crime” and cite examples from the criminal code.
- D-3 Review the law of the crimes against public order.

**GOAL E:**

Use appropriate written and oral communication skills.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- E-1 Communicate information orally in a logical and grammatical manner.
- E-2 Present written information using standard APA style.