

## LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

### **TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):**

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

**COURSE NUMBER:** CRIM 137

**COURSE TITLE:** CRIMINAL LAW

**SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**DEPARTMENT:** Criminal Justice

**DIVISION:** General Education

**PREREQUISITE:** CRIM 101 Introduction to Administration of Justice

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Reviews the Kansas criminal codes and defines the various statutory offenses with special emphasis upon the Bill of Rights and laws of arrest. Also examines the recent trends in Supreme Court decisions, the rights of individuals in a free society, and limitations on the police by the Constitution.

### **COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:**

**Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:**

1. Understand the foundations of the criminal justice system and the importance of the history and role of criminal law in American society.

- Understand the history & purposes of criminal law
- Know the basic structure & operation of the criminal justice system
- Know the constitutional limitations of criminal law

2. Understand the basic legal definitions needed to comprehend legal concepts and applications in the interpretation of case study and legal research.

- Classify crimes & name the basic elements of criminal responsibility
- Identify & distinguish among the parties to a crime
- Define all types of incomplete crimes
- Know the major defenses to crimes

3. Distinguish between types of crime against persons and crimes against property and be able to identify the elements of each crime, the liability for those who commit such crimes, and how courts have applied the law against such criminals. Research and understand the basic elements of Kansas' criminal statutes.

- Understand the different types of criminal homicide and their elements
- Understand other major crimes against persons & their elements
- Know & distinguish between crimes against habitation & crimes against property

4. Comprehend the complexities involved with crimes against the community and institutions.

- Identify & comprehend the various types of white-collar crime
- Know the major types of public order offenses
- Understand and define drug- and alcohol-related crimes
- Identify and comprehend the various types of crimes against the administration of justice
- Know the components, criminal activities, and differences among organized crime groups, gangs & terrorists.