



**Criminal Law 103 ONL/HYBRID**

**Credit Hours: 3**

**Semester: Spring 2022**

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**Office Hours:** You may make an appointment with me Monday-Friday. Evening appointments are available. We can meet face-to-face in my office or virtually. I encourage all students to communicate with me regularly.

**Preferred Communication:** Email.

**Modality:** Online/Hybrid (web-enhanced: Blackboard)

**Class Location and Meeting Times:** Wednesday 11:00 am 1:00 pm/ BB Collaborate

**Required Materials:**

**Textbooks:** *Criminal Law and Procedure by John Scheb & Scheb II*

ISBN: 9781285070117

We will utilize nexisuni.com. You must register from an NTU campus IP address.

Additional resources will be posted on Blackboard.

Suggested Text: Black's Law Dictionary.

**Tools:** NTU Email Address, Blackboard Access

**Laptop and Internet Access:** Every student is required to own a laptop and have internet access.

**Lab Fee:** none

**Mission, Vision, and Philosophy**

**Mission:** Navajo Technical University honors Diné culture and language, while educating for the future.

**Vision:** Navajo Technical University provides an excellent educational experience in a supportive, culturally diverse environment, enabling all community members to grow intellectually, culturally, and economically.

**Philosophy:** Through the teachings of Nitsáhákees (thinking), Nahátá (planning), Íina (implementing), and Siihasin (reflection), students acquire quality education in diverse fields, while preserving cultural values and gaining economic opportunities.

**Course Description**

This course will study Constitutional law as applied to federal court systems, and Navajo Nation Criminal laws as applied within the Nation. Students will become familiar with the sources of criminal law, essential elements that must be proven to determine if a crime has been committed,

crimes against persons, property, the community, and a further study of defenses against accusations of crime. The course will focus on substantive criminal law.

<b>Course Outcomes</b>	<b>Course Assessments</b>
A strong understanding of various areas of criminal law.	Written briefs, class presentations, exams, and quizzes
A strong ability to recognize and understand current issues involving various areas of criminal law.	Current event class presentations
A strong ability to understand provisions of the Navajo Nation Code provisions relating to crimes.	Written briefs, class presentations, exams, and quizzes
An ability to communicate their understanding of criminal law to others.	Class presentations regarding Navajo criminal law

### **Program Outcomes**

*Students should be able to...*

1. Demonstrate familiarity with Navajo Nation Black Letter law.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with Fundamental Law of the Diné People.
3. Analyze client needs.
4. Write effective legal pleadings.
5. Make formal court arguments.
6. Demonstrate professionalism.

### **Course Activities**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Class Topics/Reading Due</b>	<b>Assignments Due</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
1	01/20	Adjunct Faculty		
	01/21	<b>Last day to add/drop</b>		
2	01/26	How to Brief a Case, Example Brief, Syllabus, Navajo Outline	Email Instructor Log into BlackBoard Introduce Yourself	
3	02/02	Criminal Law PPTX Criminal Procedure PPTX	Current Event	Quiz
4	02/09	Ch. 1 Fundamentals of Criminal Law and Procedure Ch. 2 Organization of the Criminal Justice System	Current Event	Quiz
5	02/16	Pros. Yazzie Crim Law Pros. Yazzie Crim Pro Navajo Criminal Outline	Current Event	Quiz
6	02/23	Ch. 3 Constitutional Limitations Ch. 4 Elements of Crimes and Parties to Crimes	Current Event	Quiz
	02/25	<b>Graduation Petition due</b>		
7	03/2		Powerpoint	Presentations
8	03/09			<b>Midterm</b>

9	03/11	<b>Midterm grades due</b>		
10	3/16	Spring Break – No Class		
	03/23	Ch. 5- Inchoate Offenses Ch. 6 Homicidal Offenses Ch. 7 Other Offenses against Persons	Current Event	Quiz
10	03/30	Ch. 8 Property Crimes Ch. 9 White-Collar and Organized Crime	Current Event	Quiz
	03/31	<b>Last day to withdraw with “W”</b>		
12	04/04	Ch. 10 Vice Crimes Ch. 11 Offenses against Public Health and the Environment	Current Event	Quiz
13	04/11	Ch. 12 Offenses against Public Order, Safety, and National Security Ch. 13 Offenses against Justice and Public Administration	Current Event	Quiz
14	04/18	Ch. 14 Criminal Responsibility and Defenses NN Criminal Cases	Current Event	Quiz
15	04/25	NN Criminal Cases Common Law	Briefs	Quiz
16	05/02		PowerPoint	Presentations
17	<b>05/09</b>			<b>Final</b>
	<b>05/12</b>	<b>Grades due to the Registrar</b>		
	<b>12/13</b>	<b>Graduation</b>		

### Grading Plan

Current Events:	15%
Class Participation:	10%
Project(s):	15 %
Quizzes:	15 %
Mid-term:	15%
Final Exam:	15%
Briefs	15%

A = 100-90%

B = 89-80%

C = 79-70%

D = 69-60%

F = 59% or less

### Grading Policy

Students must do their own work. Cheating and plagiarism are strictly forbidden. Cheating includes (but is not limited to) plagiarism, submission of work that is not one's own, submission or use of falsified data, unauthorized access to exams or assignments, use of unauthorized

material during an exam, or supplying or communicating unauthorized information for assignments or exams.

### **Participation**

Students are expected to attend and participate in all class activities. Points will be given to students who actively participate in class activities.

### **Cell phone and headphone use**

Please turn cell phones off **before** coming to class. Cell phone courtesy is essential to quality classroom learning. Headphones must be removed before coming to class.

### **Exams**

All quizzes, the midterm exam and the final exam will be given on the dates scheduled. Any student who needs to take a quiz or exam other than on the scheduled date, must get prior approval of the instructor and may only be rescheduled for a justifiable reason. The exam will then be scheduled prior to the regularly scheduled exam if possible. **In the event of an emergency the instructor must be informed immediately and sufficient documentation will be required.** A note stating the student was seen at the clinic will not suffice. If the emergency occurs without notice, the student shall take the midterm/final exam no later than 3 days following the test date. If a student requires rescheduling of the exam, that student is prohibited from contacting fellow classmates until all students have taken the exam. Additionally, all students who have already taken the exam are prohibited from discussing the exam with the student(s) that have not taken the exam.

### **Current Events**

Students must submit an article from a reputable newspaper, periodical or Internet site relating to current events that involve an aspect of criminal law the Sunday before class. You must also submit a brief description and legal explanation of the article on Blackboard. Be prepared to present the article in class. I will call on every student at the beginning of class to discuss his or her current event. You must also post one reply to another student's posted current event. Please include 2 legal terms and their definitions. Your reply should also include one legal term and definition.

### **Quizzes**

Quizzes will be posted on Blackboard. Students are responsible for completing the quiz within the time frame allowed. Quizzes will be due before class begins.

### **Class Presentations**

Students will prepare and present as a small group of two (2) people. Students may use PowerPoint, Google Slides, handouts or any other materials to assist in their presentation. The presentation should include a summary of the topic and it should discuss relevant Navajo Nation case law. The presentation should be 20 minutes long and the group should be prepared to answer questions from the class. There is no paper requirement for the midterm presentation. The written paper regarding your final presentation must be at least two (2) pages long, not including any attachments. The paper should also contain a bibliography. The paper should be double spaced, using APA style and a 12-point font. There is a paper requirement and a PowerPoint/Google Slides presentation due for the final presentation.

### **Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend all class sessions. A percentage of the student's grade will be based on class attendance and participation. Absence from class, regardless of the reason, does not relieve the student of the responsibility to complete all course work by required deadlines. Furthermore, it is the student's responsibility to obtain notes, handouts, and any other information covered when absent from class and to arrange to make up any in-class assignments or tests if permitted by the instructor. Incomplete or missing assignments will necessarily affect the student's grades. Instructors will report excessive and/or unexplained absences to the Counseling Department for investigation and potential intervention. **Instructors may drop students from the class after three (3) absences unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor to make up work and the instructor deems any excuse acceptable.**

### **Study Time Outside of Class for Face-to-Face Courses**

**For every credit hour in class, a student is expected to spend two hours outside of class studying course materials.**

### **Study Time for Hybrid or Blended Courses**

**For a hybrid or blended course of one credit hour, a student is expected to spend three hours per week studying course materials.**

### **Study Time for Online Courses**

**For an online course of one credit hour, a student is expected to spend four hours per week studying course materials.**

### **Academic Integrity**

Integrity (honesty) is expected of every student in all academic work. The guiding principle of academic integrity is that a student's submitted work must be the student's own. Students who engage in academic dishonesty diminish their education and bring discredit to the University community. Avoid situations likely to compromise academic integrity such as: cheating, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism; modifying academic work to obtain additional credit in the same class unless approved in advance by the instructor, failure to observe rules of academic integrity established by the instructor. **The use of another person's ideas or work claimed as your own without acknowledging the original source is known as plagiarism and is prohibited.**

### **Diné Philosophy of Education**

The Diné Philosophy of Education (DPE) is incorporated into every class for students to become aware of and to understand the significance of the four Diné philosophical elements, including its affiliation with the four directions, four sacred mountains, the four set of thought processes and so forth: Nitsáhákees, Nahát'á, Íina and Siih Hasin which are essential and relevant to self-identity, respect and wisdom to achieve career goals successfully.

At NTU's Zuni Campus, the A:shiwi Philosophy of Education offers essential elements for helping students develop Indigenous and Western understandings. Yam de bena: dap haydoshna: akkya hon detsemak a:wannikwa da: hon de:tsemak a:ts'umme. *Our language and ceremonies allow our people to maintain strength and knowledge.* A:shiwi core values of hon i:yyułashik'yanna:wa (respect), hon delank'oha:willa:wa (kindness and empathy), hon i:yyayumola:wa (honesty and trustworthiness), and hon kohoł lewuna:wediyahnan, wan hon kela i:tsemanna (think critically) are central to attaining strength and knowledge. They help learners develop positive self-identity, respect, kindness, and critical thinking skills to achieve life goals successfully.

### **Students with Disabilities**

Navajo Technical University is committed to serving all students in a non-discriminatory and accommodating manner. Any student who feels that she or he may need special accommodations should contact the Accommodations Office (<http://www.navajotech.edu/student-services#accomodations-services>) in accordance with the university's Disability Accommodations Policy (see [http://www.navajotech.edu/images/about/policiesDocs/Disability\\_Exhibit-A\\_6-26-2018.pdf](http://www.navajotech.edu/images/about/policiesDocs/Disability_Exhibit-A_6-26-2018.pdf)).

### **Email Address**

Students are required to use NTU's email address for all communications with faculty and staff.

**Final Exam Date: May 11, 2022**