

# Course Syllabus

Salt Lake Community College

CJ 1330: Criminal Law

## Course Description

Students will learn the sources of law, historical origins of law, functions of law in society, elements of a crime, interpretation of laws by the judicial system, classifications of crime, terms of imprisonment, and criminal defenses. Students will analyze mock scenarios to determine if a crime occurred.

## Recommended Course Prerequisite

- CJ 1010: Introduction to Criminal Justice

## Course Learning Outcomes

Students will describe the sources of law.

Students will describe the historical origins of law.

Students will describe functions of law in society.

Students will identify elements of a crime.

Students will identify how laws have been applied by the judicial system.

Students will describe criminal defenses.

Students will analyze mock scenarios to determine if a crime has occurred, including the classification of the crime and terms of imprisonment.

## Required Material

- Reading Material
  - This class will use a *free*, online textbook as our primary source of reading material (embedded into this Course in Canvas)
  - We will also heavily reference the Utah Criminal Code Federal Criminal Code (links embedded throughout this course)
- Computer with ability to view videos on Canvas

# Use of Canvas

You are required to use Canvas in this course. The modules section of Canvas (see left-hand side of the screen) will guide you through this class from week to week.

Sometimes there are technical quirks with Canvas. Students that use Google Chrome seem to have the least amount of technical problems. (Click [here](#) for more information about basic computer specifications for using Canvas.)

The Canvas Support Hotline is (844) 334-0397. They can assist if you are having technical issues (i.e., your computer froze on you and you were unable to submit an assignment). There is also a Help function on the left-hand side of Canvas with other options such as a chat function.

## Minimum Technical Skills

- Must be able to Navigate Canvas
  - I've provided some [links](#) to videos that may help you navigate Canvas
- Must be able to format and submit typed material in Microsoft Word (or other word processors recognized by Canvas)

## Individual Counseling

Please send me a message in Canvas, or visit me during my office hours, anytime that you have questions about the course material.

## Response Time and Feedback

### General Questions

- For general questions (i.e., clarification about an assignment, clarification about the assignment's due date), expect to receive a response the following business day.
  - Do not *expect* a response on non-business days (Saturdays, Sundays, holidays).

### Grading Assignments

- Generally, I will wait until the deadline of an assignment has passed before grading that assignment for the course. Grading may take up to **three business days** after the deadline for the assignment has passed.
  - The length of time between submitting and assignment and receiving feedback will increase the further you get ahead in this class.

## Grading

All assignments have been published and are accessible in the Assignments section of Canvas. All assignments have point values assigned to them, which are accessible to you. However, the weight of an assignment is relative to the category in which the assignment resides.

Chapter Discussions: 15%

Chapter Quizzes: 25%

Progress Check Assignments: 10%

Research Assignments: 25%

Citizen's Arrest Assignment: 10%

Courtroom Observation Assignments: 15%

## APA Writing Style

Your research paper in this class will be written in the APA writing style. The Student Writing Center is another great source for help with APA.

## Grading Scale

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62

Anything below a score of 60 is a failing grade.

## SLCC Mission, Vision, and Values

MISSION

Salt Lake Community College is your community college. We engage and support students in educational pathways leading to successful transfer and meaningful employment.

## VISION

Salt Lake Community College will be a model for inclusive and transformative education, strengthening the communities we serve through the success of our students.

## VALUES

We don't just state our values; we live them through dedicated, collective effort. Our values ground our future endeavors and help us realize our mission of being an open-access, comprehensive community college committed to the transfer education and workforce needs of our students.

- **Collaboration** - We believe we're better when we work together.
- **Community** - We partner with our community in the transformative, public good of educating students.
- **Inclusivity** - We seek to cultivate an environment of respect and empathy, advanced by diverse cultures and perspectives.
- **Learning** - We learn as a College by building outstanding educational experiences for students and by supporting faculty and staff in their professional development.
- **Innovation** - We value fresh thinking and encourage the energy of new ideas and initiatives.
- **Integrity** - We do the right things for the right reasons.
- **Trust** - We build trust by working together in good faith and goodwill to fulfill the College's mission.

## Incomplete Policy

Contact me if the last day to withdrawal has already passed and circumstances beyond your control prevent you from successfully completing this course. This course will follow Salt Lake Community College's Incomplete policy. More information is available [here \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site..](#)

## Late Work

- Assignments can be turned in up to one week late without the loss of credit. After one week, the assignments lock out and submissions cannot be made. If you have extenuating circumstances, you must coordinate with me prior to the assignment locking out.
  - The exception to this rule is that no assignments will be accepted after May 2. Therefore, classwork due on May 2 cannot be turned in late.

## Extra Credit

There are numerous extra credit opportunities available in this course. I have created an Extra Credit module. It is located at the very bottom of modules section in this section.

All extra credit opportunities will be located there (among other places, such as the Assignments tab).

## Student Code of Conduct

All students are expected to follow the SLCC Student Code of Conduct. **Plagiarism may result in a failure of this course.** Be very careful to give proper credit (such as the use of quotations) to work that is not your own!

## Course Schedule, Assignments, and Activities

Week	Reading Material	Assignments and Activities
Week 1	Chapter 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 1 Quiz and Discussion</li></ul>
Week 2	Chapter 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 2 Quiz and Discussion</li></ul>
Week 3	Chapter 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 3 Quiz and Discussion</li><li>• Progress Check Assignment (Chapters 1-3)</li></ul>
Week 4	Chapter 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 4 Quiz and Discussion</li><li>• Pick Your Research Topic Assignment Due</li></ul>
Week 5	Chapter 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 5 Quiz and Discussion</li></ul>
Week 6	Chapter 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 6 Quiz and Discussion</li><li>• Progress Check Assignment (Chapters 1-6)</li></ul>
Week 7	Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 7 Quiz and Discussion</li></ul>
Week 8	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Courtroom Observation Due</li></ul>
Week 9	Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 8 Quiz and Discussion</li></ul>
Week 10	Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 9 Quiz and Discussion</li><li>• Progress Check Assignment (Chapters 1-9)</li></ul>

Week 11	Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 10 Quiz and Discussion</li> </ul>
Week 12	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Assignment Due (Courtroom Observation Reflection)</li> </ul>
Week 13	Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 11 Quiz and Discussion</li> </ul>
Week 14	Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 12 Quiz and Discussion</li> <li>• Research Paper Due</li> </ul>
Week 15	Chapter 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 13 Quiz and Discussion</li> </ul>
Week 16	Citizen's Arrest Documents	Citizen's Arrest Assignment Due
Final Exam Week	Review All Material	Final Progress Check Due (Chapters 1-13)