LEX 160 Criminal Law and Procedure

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course introduces substantive criminal law and procedural rights of the accused. Topics include elements of state/federal crimes, defenses, constitutional issues, pre-trial and trial process, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to explain elements of specific crimes and assist an attorney in preparing a criminal case.

- B. Arson
- C. Common trespass
- D. Larceny and embezzlement
- E. Possession of stolen goods and willful concealment
- F. Damage to property, real and personal

VII. Public disorder crimes and drug offenses

- A. The laws of controlled substances
- B. Possession and conspiracy to possess
- C. Possession with intent to sell and distribute
- D. Sale and distribution of controlled substances

VIII. Law of arrest

- A. Legal standards for stopping persons and vehicles
- B. Legal standards for search incidental to arrest

IX. Criminal process

- A. Standard for securing an arrest warrant
- B. Service and return of arrest warrant
- C. Arrest without a warrant
- D. Post arrest procedures

X. Laws of investigation

- A. Standards for search and seizure
- B. Invasion of privacy issues
- C. Administrative search warrants

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.