



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

Leg 231
Criminal Law

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Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: LEG 231

COURSE TITLE: Criminal Law

CONTACT HOURS: 3.0

CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

To familiarize the paralegal student with basic concepts involved in substantive and procedural criminal law enabling the student to be workforce ready in a prosecutor's practice, law firm, or organization that engages in the criminal law practice. This course will enable students to recognize the elements necessary for a particular crime and identify the defenses available to criminal defendants.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course includes a study of the definition and classifications of criminal offenses, criminal responsibility, and the legal procedures in a criminal prosecution.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

(COMPASS Writing 78 and COMPASS Reading 85) or (ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 075 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 081) or (New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 250 and New ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 250) or (COMPANION Reading 075 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 081) or (Multiple Measures English 1) or (ACT Reading 19 and ACT English 19) or SAT Critical Reading 480 or (Credit level [ENG 100](#) Minimum Grade of C* or Credit level [ENG 101](#) Minimum Grade of C or Credit level [ENG 101](#) Minimum Grade of TC)

***Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the [DLi Orientation Video](#) prior to enrolling in an online course.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Text: Bevens, Neal R., **Criminal Law & Procedure for the Paralegal** Second Edition, Cengage
Included in your Cengage Unlimited Plan

The materials required for this course are included in [Cengage Unlimited](#), a subscription that gives you access to **all your Cengage access codes and online textbooks** for \$119.99 a semester, \$179.99 for a year or \$240 for two years. No matter how many Cengage products you use, and for any class you are using them in, they are included in Cengage Unlimited, and the price stays the same. You can purchase access to Cengage Unlimited in the bookstore, or at [cengage.com](#). **NOTE: You only purchase Cengage Unlimited ONE TIME from the bookstore. This one purchase covers ALL the LEG course materials and any other course using Cengage materials.**

or

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Proficiency with the use of WORD as a word processing software program.
Office 365 for students (provided by the college) for using Teams

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.
myHGTC and college email access.
A computer with internet access, webcam and audio speaker equipped.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. Your participation in this synchronous remote course offering mandates that you mute your microphone when not addressing the professor/class. While you are off-campus you should be attentive and actively participating in the course.

NETIQUETTE: is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

Unit I: Introduction to Criminal Law, Arrest & Post-Arrest

Materials Covered: Chapters 1, 2 & 3

***Assessments:** Quizzes (4)
Unit Test

Learning Outcomes:

1. Discuss the differences in criminal law and civil law and the resulting effects on process and procedure;
2. Explain the structure, organization, and roles of the state and federal criminal judicial systems;

3. Identify the elements of probable cause and principals needed for constitutional search and seizure of persons and property; and
4. Explain the procedures after arrest and a paralegal's role from a prosecution and defense perspective at that stage of the criminal process.

Unit II Evidentiary Issues and Pre-Trial

Material Covered: Chapters 4,5, & 6

***Assessments:** Quizzes (3)
Unit Test II

Learning Outcomes:

1. Discuss how evidence is used in criminal prosecutions and determine difference between direct and circumstantial evidence
2. Explain various evidentiary rules and constitutional limits
3. Describe the importance of *Miranda* and explain when warnings are not needed.
4. Describe the basics of custodial interrogations and an accused right to speak with an attorney;
5. Define arraignment and its importance
6. Explain the the procedure in a guilty plea and subsequent sentencing; and
- 7.** Describe the various aspects of criminal discovery.

Unit III: Crimes – Part I

Material Covered: Chapters 8, 9, and 10

***Assessments:** Quizzes (3)
Unit Test III

Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain the manner in which crimes are classified in general and in South Carolina specifically;
2. Develop proficiency in identifying the elements of crimes against persons from factual scenarios;
3. Describe the difference between murder in the first degree and other forms of murder;
4. Define the elements of various crimes against the person.
5. Define rape and other forms of sexual assault; and
6. Identify and explain the elements of crimes against property

Unit IV: Criminal Trials

Material Covered: Chapters 12 &13

***Assessments:** Quizzes (2)
Unit Test IV

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify the documents and explain the processes required in criminal pretrial procedure;

2. Discuss the pre-trial and trial responsibilities of a paralegal from the prosecution and defense perspectives;
3. Explain when the right to a jury trial attaches and when the accused is not entitled to a jury trial;
4. Explain the trial process; and
5. Describe the jury selection process.

Unit V: Defenses and Post-Trial

Material Covered: Chapters 14 & 15

***Assessments:** Quizzes (2)
Unit V Test

Learning Outcomes:

1. Define the available criminal defenses and their elements;
2. Explain how the responsibility for a crime is divided among several codefendants;
3. Explain the sentencing process and identify the documents needed for sentencing; and
4. Describe the criminal appeal process.

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*:

Students’ performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Tests	60 %
Assignments	40 %
	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

100% - 90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69% - 60%	D
59% - below	F

I Course requirements incomplete. Must be completed by deadline given by Instructor or “I” converts to an F.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

For online and hybrid courses, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times.

Attendance Policy for Face-to-Face and Synchronous Hybrid Courses:

For this course students may not miss more than 3 Tuesday scheduled sessions, nor more than 3 off-campus online assignments. After the allowed number of absences, the student will be dropped from the course with a W or a WF.

Part V: Student Resources



THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic tutors** for most subject areas, **Writing Center support**, and **college success skills**.
2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication **coaching** in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email sstc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC

Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.



STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central

TECH Central offers to all students the following free resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC:** General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) including Office 365 support, password resets, and username information.
3. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available in Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
4. **Chat with our staff on TECH Talk**, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552.

Visit the [Tech Central](#) website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option #1.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

DISABILITY SERVICES:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#). The Accessibility and Disability staff will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator, or designee.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs

Title IX Coordinator

Building 1100, Room 107A, Conway Campus

PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066

843-349-5228

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Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources

EEO and Title IX Coordinator

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