

CRIMINAL LAW

WINTER 2018 SYLLABUS

All assignments are to PODGOR ET AL., CRIMINAL LAW: CONCEPTS AND PRACTICE (4th ed.). Assignments designated as "**Background**" will not be discussed in class but should be read for a full understanding of the issues that will be discussed. Please be prepared to discuss all Problems noted for each class.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL LAW

1. *Proving a Crime*: 5-15 (**Background**); 241-244; 251-253 (**Background**)
2. *Punishment*: 31-50 (Problems One, Two, and Three)
3. *Interpreting Criminal Statutes*: 79-104 (Problems Four, Five, and Six)
4. *Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*: 22-27 (**Background**); 239-40 (**Background**); 245-264 (Problems Eighteen and Nineteen)

THE ELEMENTS OF A CRIME

5. *The Criminal Act*: 27-30;113-130 (Problem Eight)
6. *The Range of Intent*: 137-160
7. *Proving Intent*: 160-175 (Problems Nine and Ten)
8. *Non-Intent Intent*: 175-196 (Problems Eleven, Twelve, and Thirteen)
9. *Mistakes and Intent*: 196-213 (Problem Fourteen and Case Study Two)

MURDER & RAPE

10. *Degrees of Murder*: 271-300 (Problems Twenty-One and Twenty-Two)
11. *Unintentional Killings*: 300-320 (Problem Twenty-Three)
12. *Felony-Murder*: 320-338 (Problems Twenty-Four and Twenty-Five)
13. *Causation*: 215-237 (Problems Fifteen and Sixteen)
14. *Investigating a Homicide* [no reading assignment]
15. *Common Law Rape and the Nature of Consent*: 339-368 (Problem Twenty-Six); *The Trouble with Teaching Rape Law* (available on TWEN)

16. *Strategies for Prosecuting and Defending Rape Cases: 370-385 (Case Study Three)*

INCHOATE OFFENSES

17. *Attempted Crimes: 425-449 (Problems Thirty-Three and Thirty-Four)*
18. *The Outer Limits of Attempt Liability: 449-466 (Problems Thirty-Five, Thirty-Six, and Thirty-Seven)*
19. *Solicitation and Conspiracy: 467-491 (Problems Thirty-Eight, Thirty-Nine, and Forty)*
20. *Scope of Conspiracy Liability: 492-510 (Problems Forty-One, Forty-Two, and Forty-Three); 510-515 (**Background – Know what the Pinkerton Rule means**)*
21. *Accessory Liability: 517-539 (Problem Forty-Four and Case Study Four)*

DEFENSES

22. *The Scope of Defenses: 541-557 (Problem Forty-Five); Michigan Ethics Committee Opinion CI-1164 (1987)*
23. *Justification and Excuse: 557-567 (Problems Forty-Six and Forty-Seven)*
24. *Self-Defense: 569-70; 578-601 (Problems Forty-Eight and Forty-Nine)*

EXAM REVIEW

25. *Winter 2015 Final Exam Review*

Final Exam: Thursday, May 3 at 6:15 p.m.