

**Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College**

Course Title: Introduction to Criminal Law
Prefix and Course Number: CJ 205

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Gain a broad understanding of laws defining criminal activity.
- Learn the importance of a broad knowledge of this area of law enforcement
- Understand the general process for researching and finding criminal laws

Course Outline:

I. Introduction

- A. Preliminary Article
- B. Principles of Liability –culpability (mental) states
- C. Insanity
- D. Defenses
 - 1. Justifiable Homicide
 - 2. Excusable Homicide
 - 3. Entrapment
- E. Classification of Crimes
- F. Anticipatory Offenses

II. Homicide

- A. Premeditation
- B. Criminal
- C. Murder
- D. Aggravated circumstances
- E. Felony murder rule-BARK rule
- F. Manslaughter
- G. Homicide by abuse
- H. Abortion – RCW 9.02

III. Assault

- A. Deadly weapons
- B. Great bodily harm
- C. Substantial bodily harm
- D. Mental states
- E. Degrees
- F. Drive-by-shooting
- G. Reckless endangerment
- H. Promoting suicide
- I. Coercion
- J. Malicious Harassment
 - 1. Physical injury to victim/other
 - 2. Physical damage or destruction of property of victim or another person
 - 3. Threatens a specific person or group
 - 4. Behavioral information
 - 5. Nine steps of interrogation
 - 6. The behavioral analysis interview
 - 7. Verbal behavioral analysis

- K. Stalking
- L. Racial biased policing (profiling)
- M. Gangs
- N. Victim perspective
- O. Harassment complaints against officers
- P. Reasonable person standard
 1. Member of the victim's status
- Q. Threatening Words
 1. Words alone do not constitute malicious harassment
 2. Context or circumstances surrounding the words
 3. Threatening words are not malicious harassment
 4. If it is apparent the person does not have the ability to carry out the threat
- R. Malicious harassment inference
 1. Trier of the fact (judge)
 2. Cross burning on property of African American
 3. Swastika on Jewish person's property
- S. Guideline Question
 1. Would the incident have occurred if the suspect and the victim had the same status?
- T. Cautions
 1. Case-by-case assessment of the facts
 2. Misleading facts
 3. Feigned facts
- U. Interfering with reporting of a DV Crime-RCW 9A.36.150
- IV. Domestic Violence
 - A. Officer Immunity
 1. RCW 10.99.070
 2. RCW.10.31.100
 3. RCW 26.50.140
 4. RCW 26.52.050
- V. Legislative History
 - A. 1979 Domestic Violence Act
 - B. 1984 Domestic Violence Prevention Act
 - C. 1985 Primary Aggressor Amendment
 - D. 1995 Comprehensive Domestic Violence Bill
 - E. 1999 Foreign Protection Order Full Faith and Credit Act
 - F. 2000 Changes to Enforcement of orders
- VI. Legislative Intent
 - A. Enforce the law
 - B. Protect the victim
- VII. Definitions
 - A. Bodily injury
 - B. Assault
 - C. Family or household member
- VIII. Law Enforcement Training, Power and Duties – RCW 10.99.030
 - A. Shall exercise arrest powers
 - B. Shall take a complete offense report and forward
 - C. Shall tell the victim means to prevent further abuse
 - D. Shall enforce an order issued by any court
- IX. Four Hour Rule-RCW 10.31.100 (2) c

- A. Assault of family or household member
- B. When suspect is gone on arrival
- C. May arrest or cite if more than four hours after assault
- X. Victim Notification – RCW 10.99.030 (7)
 - A. What must be said
 - B. Written notice to be given
 - C. What may be done
- XI. Legal Definition of Domestic Violence-RCW 26.50.010 (1)
 - A. Pattern of violent and coercive tactics
 - B. Threat of Violence
 - C. Memory of Abuse
 - D. Fear of Retaliation
 - E. Community Impact
- XII. Primary Aggressor – RCW 10.31.100 (2) ©
 - A. Statutory Requirements
 - B. Determining Primary Aggressor
 - C. Mutual Arrests
 - D. Self Defense
- XIII. Stalking – RCW 9A.46.110
 - A. DV cross reference
 - B. Defense
- XIV. Civil and Criminal Court Orders
 - A. Civil Orders for Protection
 - B. Criminal Protection Orders
 - C. Civil Restraining Order
 - D. Civil Anti-Harassment Order
 - E. Foreign Protection Orders
- XV. Mandatory Arrest
 - A. Civil & Criminal Protection orders
 - B. Restraining Orders
 - C. Mandatory Arrest
- XVI. No Mandatory Arrest Provision
 - A. Anti-Harassment Orders
- XVII. Foreign Protection Order – RCW 26.52.010 (3)
 - A. Verification of Foreign Orders
 - B. Filing Foreign Protection Orders
- XVIII. Class “C” Felonies
 - A. Assault in violation of a Criminal Protection, Civil Protection, or Foreign Protection Order or Restraining Order (not amounting to 1st or 2nd Assault)
 - B. Two prior convictions of the above orders (not necessarily the same victim or same order)
 - C. Any reckless conduct in violating these orders that creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury
 - D. Stalking in violation of “ any protective order protecting the person being stalked”
- XIX. Kidnapping
 - A. Unlawful imprisonment
 - B. Custodial interference
- XX. Criminal Mistreatment
- XXI.
 - A. Basic necessities of life

- B. Withdrawal of life support
- C. Mental handicaps
- D. Physical handicaps
- E. Handicap bias
- XXII. Sex Offenses
 - A. Rape
 - B. Rape of a child (statutory rape)
 - C. Child molestation
 - D. Indecent liberties
 - E. Sexually violating human remains
 - F. Voyeurism
- XXIII. Harassment
 - A. Place where committed
 - B. Stalking Criminal gang intimidation
- XXIV. Arson
 - A. Reckless Burning
 - B. Malicious Mischief
- XXV. Lasers
 - A. Unlawful discharge
- XXVI. Burglary
 - A. Enter and remain unlawfully
 - B. Inference of intent
 - C. Burglar tools
 - D. Vehicle prowling
 - E. Trespass
- XXVII. Theft
 - A. Unlawful issuance of bank check
 - B. Taking a motor vehicle without owner permission
 - C. Theft of livestock
 - D. Possession of stolen property
 - E. Robbery
 - F. Difference between theft and robbery
- XXVIII. Fraud
 - A. Forgery
 - B. Criminal Impersonation
- XXIX. Family Offenses
 - A. Bigamy
 - B. Incest
 - C. Child selling and buying
- XXX. Bribery and Corruption Influence
 - A. Trading in special influence
- XXXI. Perjury
 - A. False swearing
 - B. Interference with Official Proceedings
 - C. Intimidating a witness
 - D. Tampering with physical evidence
- XXXII. Obstructing Governmental Operation
 - A. Obstructing a law enforcement officer
 - B. Disarming a law enforcement of corrections officer
 - C. Refusing to summon aid for a peace officer
 - D. Rendering criminal assistance

- E. Escape
- XXXIII. Public Disturbance
 - A. Riot
 - B. Failure to disperse
 - C. Disorderly conduct
 - D. False reporting
- XXXIV. Indecent Exposure
 - A. Prostitution
 - B. Gender of parties
 - C. Promoting prostitution
 - D. Permitting prostitution
 - E. Patronizing a prostitute
- XXXV. Firearms and Dangerous Weapons
 - A. RCW 9.41
 - B. Possession
 - C. Children
 - D. Carrying
 - E. Aiming or discharging
 - F. Dangerous weapons
- XXXVI. Legend Drug Act
 - A. RCW 69.41
 - B. Prescription drugs that are not controlled substances
 - C. Sale, delivery and possession
 - D. Labeling
- XXXVII. Uniform controlled Substance Act
 - A. Prescription and illicit substances (drugs)
 - B. Schedules-criteria
 - C. Containers
 - D. Sale, delivery and possession
 - E. Possession Marijuana-misdemeanor/felony
 - F. Persons under eighteen
 - G. Counterfeit substances