

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Criminal Law I

**Course #:** CJS 211

**Course Description:** Three (3) Credits

Local, State and Federal Laws - development, application and enforcement

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** None

**Objectives:** Upon completion of this course, each student will be able to distinguish the essential elements of a crime under federal and state law, and explain the formulation of specific local, state and federal offenses against persons, property, morals, order and justice. The course will emphasize the interrelationship between common law and present day statutory law.

**Outcomes:**

- Students who wish to enter the criminal justice field will be able to employ critical thinking skills and apply them to the main principles of American Criminal law.
- Identify and discuss the differences between federal and state laws and how they apply to the court system.
- Compare and contrast court opinions rendered, especially United States Supreme Court opinions, and apply them to criminal and civil actions.
- Facilitate student's entry into law enforcement by acknowledging the use and limitations of police power to maintain public order, the legal use of force by police officers in making a criminal arrest, and the possible civil and criminal repercussions of vicarious liability and poor decision making skills.
- Interpret the essential elements of today's modern criminal statutes from English Common Law.
- Differentiate between legal/illegal uses of force, and demonstrate a clear understanding of U.S. Amendments to the Constitution and how they apply to law enforcement.

**College Policies**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on Student Rights," the Section entitled "Student Discipline," or the College catalog for additional information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Dr. Christine Woodcock the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Greenwood Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her number is 860-738-6318 and her e-mail is [cwoodcock@nwcc.edu](mailto:cwoodcock@nwcc.edu).

**School Cancellations:** If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College's website at [www.nwcc.commnet.edu](http://www.nwcc.commnet.edu). Students may also call

the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

**Use of Electronic Devices:** Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

**Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team:**

NWCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team-Sexual Assault and Intimate Violence Resource Team-to meet the victim's needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, PHD	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
Kathleen Chapman	860-738-6344	Green Woods Hall Room 110
Michael Emanuel	860-738-6389	Founders Hall Annex Room 308
Seth Kershner	860-738-6481	Library
Jane O'Grady	860-738-6393	Founders Hall Annex Room 212
Robin Orloski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative

At NWCC we care about our students, staff and faculty, and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.

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