

**NAVIGATION**

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**US Criminal Law**



The principals of criminal law in the U.S. are presented in this module. Students learn the elements of a criminal case, certain serious crimes, how criminal liability can be extended to reach third party defendants and common defenses to criminal charges.

- Video ~ How to Take SVBS Courses
- Video ~ Welcome to our Course on Criminal Law
- Video ~ Criminal Law

**Background & Justification for Criminal Law**

- History of Criminal Law
- Video ~ What is Criminal Law? Why Does it Exist?
- Criminal Law Basics
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Background & Justification

**Sources of U.S. Criminal Law**

Sources of U.S. criminal law.

- Video ~ Sources of Criminal Law
- Slideshow Handout ~ Criminal Law
- Model Penal Code
- Video ~ Basics of Criminal Law
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Sources of Law
- Quiz - Introduction to U.S. Criminal Law

**Classifications of Crimes**

- Implications of a Crime's Classification
- Felonies
- Misdemeanors
- What Distinguishes a Misdemeanor From a Felony?
- Infractions
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Classifications of Crimes

**Elements of a Criminal Case**

- Video ~ Key Components of a Criminal Case
- How to Break Down a Criminal Statute
- Video ~ Actus Reus
- Video ~ What Is A Grand Jury?
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Elements of a Criminal Case

**Mens Rea (Guilty Mind) ~ The Defendant's Mental State**

- Video ~ Mens Rea
- Mens Rea
- Video ~ Strict Liability Crimes
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Mens Rea

**Capital Punishment ~ Death Penalty**

- Video ~ Capital Murder
- Death Penalty
- History of Death Penalty Laws
- The U.S. and the Death Penalty
- Death Penalty Challenges
- Temporary Abolition of the Death Penalty
- Reinstatement of the Death Penalty
- Recent Developments: The Death Penalty
- Recent Death Penalty Statistics
- Capital Punishment at the Federal Level
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Capital Punishment

**Murder & Unintentional Killing**

- Video ~ Intentional and Unintentional Killing
- Video ~ Felony Murder
- Video ~ Provocation & Murder
- Murder
- Definitions
- First Degree Murder
- Second Degree Murder
- Voluntary Manslaughter
- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Murder & Unintentional Killing

**Sex Crimes**

- Video ~ Rape
- Rape
- Statutory Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Prostitution
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Sex Crimes

**Property Crimes**

- Theft
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Larceny
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Property Crimes

**White Collar Crimes**

- Fraud
- Securities Fraud
- Tax Evasion
- Embezzlement
- Racketeering
- Money Laundering
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ White Collar Crimes

**Inchoate (Incomplete) Crimes**

- Video ~ Attempt
- Attempt
- Video ~ Solicitation
- Solicitation
- Video ~ Conspiracy
- Conspiracy
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Inchoate (Incomplete) Crimes

**Selected Defenses**

Note: See the Criminal Procedure course for details on protections provided by the 4th, 5th, 6th amendments and other Constitutional rights.

- Video ~ Double Jeopardy
- Video ~ Justification
- Video ~ Impossibility
- Video ~ Excuse ~ Intoxication, Insanity & Mistake
- Video ~ Insanity
- Insanity under MPC
- Q & A ~ Criminal Law ~ Selected Defenses

**Sentencing**

- Video ~ Plea Agreements

**Certificate of Completion**

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