



## 1. General information

Course: CRIMINAL LAW I

Type: BASIC

Degree: 334 - UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME IN LAW

Center: 3 - FACULTY OF LAW OF ALBACETE

Year: 1

Main language: Spanish

Use of additional  
languages:

Web site:

Code: 35305

ECTS credits: 9

Academic year: 2023-24

Group(s): 10 11 16

Duration: AN

Second language:

English Friendly: Y

Bilingual: N

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## 2. Pre-Requisites

This is a basic subject and, therefore, does not require any prior knowledge other than that acquired in the corresponding branch of the baccalaureate. However, knowledge of the Theory of Law and Constitutional Law, as well as the prior acquisition of skills in public speaking and teamwork management, will be positively valued.

## 3. Justification in the curriculum, relation to other subjects and to the profession

The subject Criminal Law I introduces the student to the fundamentals of criminal law, which are strongly linked to the country's political constitution. Perhaps this is why it has been said that the Criminal Code is the "Constitution in negative". Of the jurisdictional orders of the State, criminal law is the one that is subject to the greatest guarantees due to the fact that it inflicts the most serious sanctions.

For this reason, its position in the Law Syllabus is justified as a basic subject, because it serves to familiarise the student with basic legal concepts, such as the justification of punishment, the structure of the norm, the normative hierarchy, etc. In this sense, its strongest relationship is observed with Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Procedural Law.

As far as the relationship of the subject with the profession is concerned, it should be pointed out that these are in fact "professions", some of which, such as those of judge, public prosecutor, state lawyer, etc., require a precise knowledge of criminal law. On the other hand, the profession of lawyer cannot be understood without criminal law; it is in criminal trials that there is a greater articulation between the evidential material and the prosecution or defence strategy for the substantiation of the relevance of the facts judged. Nowadays, moreover, the expansion of criminal law into everything related to economic matters gives this sector of the legal system a new dimension, which strongly links the criminal lawyer to consumer protection, in everything related to public health, banking law, etc.

## 4. Degree competences achieved in this course

## Course competences

Code	Description
E02	To understand the systematic nature of the legal system and the interdisciplinary nature of legal problems.
E04	Ability to search, identify and use legal sources (legal, jurisprudential and doctrinal).
E05	Ability to read, interpret, analyse and write legal documents from an interdisciplinary perspective.
E09	To apply the legal system based on the values and ethical principles of the different legal professions.
E13	Solve problems arising from the application of general principles of law and legal norms to factual situations.
E14	Acquire the capacity to provide legal advice to public, private and private entities.
G02	Knowledge at the user level of Information and Communication Technologies
G03	A correct oral and written communication.
G04	Incorporate the sense and ethical principles in their professional activity

G05	Commitment to the culture of peace, democratic values, human rights and the principles of equal opportunity, non-discrimination and universal accessibility for persons with disabilities, as well as gender issues.
G09	Develop critical and self-critical thinking.
G10	Develop the capacity for analysis and synthesis and promote autonomous learning.
G14	Ability to apply knowledge to practice.
G15	Ability to locate, select, process and manage information.

## 5. Objectives or Learning Outcomes

### Course learning outcomes

#### Description

To legally reason and argue through the knowledge that has been acquired.

To be confident in dealing with the theory of punishment.

To thoroughly analyse the principles and guarantees that arise with regards to penalties and security measures.

To explain with conceptual precision the basis of punishment and security measures in a state governed by the rule of law.

To know the theory of crime.

### Additional outcomes

## 6. Units / Contents

### Unit 1: Introduction

### Unit 2: Constitutional principles of criminal law

### Unit 3: Legal consequences of crime

### Unit 4: legal theory of crime

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, REMARKS

Topic 1 deals with the basic legal concepts, essential for subsequent knowledge of Criminal Law: legal norm, legal system and criminal legal system, hierarchy of norms, etc.

Topic 2 includes the principles constructed by Spanish and European constitutional jurisprudence as the foundations of the penal system: legality, harmfulness, culpability, proportionality, resocialisation.

Topic 3 serves to familiarise the student with the system of legal consequences of crime (penalties, security measures, civil liability), their scope and function.

Topic 4 aims at the systematic analysis of the offence, its different elements and the content of the offence.

## 7. Activities, Units/Modules and Methodology

Training Activity	Methodology	Related Competences (only degrees before RD 822/2021)	ECTS	Hours	As	Com	Description
Class Attendance (theory) [ON-SITE]	Project/Problem Based Learning (PBL)	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	1	25	Y	N	Explanation of the fundamental concepts of the General Part of the Criminal Law
Class Attendance (practical) [ON-SITE]	Case Studies	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	1	25	Y	N	Practical application of the fundamental concepts of the General Part of the Criminal Law
Other on-site activities [ON-SITE]	Cooperative / Collaborative Learning	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	0.7	17.5	Y	N	Training activities oriented towards the discussion of legal problems.
Study and Exam Preparation [OFF-SITE]	Self-study	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	2	50	Y	N	Study of legal problems relating to the general part of criminal law.
Other off-site activity [OFF-SITE]	Learning Contract	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	1	25	Y	N	Personal student assistance
Other off-site activity [OFF-SITE]	Self-study	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	1	25	Y	N	Attendance or viewing of oral hearings in the criminal courts
Writing of reports or projects [OFF-SITE]	project-based learning	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	1.5	37.5	Y	N	Work prepared by the student on relevant subjects of the course
On-line debates and forums [OFF-SITE]	Debates	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	0.5	12.5	Y	N	Virtual Campus Discussions
On-line Activities [OFF-SITE]	Assessment tests	E02 E04 E05 E09 E13 E14 G02 G03 G04 G05 G09 G10 G14 G15	0.3	7.5	Y	N	Taking tests on the Virtual Campus
<b>Total:</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>225</b>			
<b>Total credits of in-class work: 2.7</b>			<b>Total class time hours: 67.5</b>				
<b>Total credits of out of class work: 6.3</b>			<b>Total hours of out of class work: 157.5</b>				

As: Assessable training activity

Com: Training activity of compulsory overcoming (It will be essential to overcome both continuous and non-continuous assessment).

8. Evaluation criteria and Grading System			
Evaluation System	Continuous assessment	Non-continuous evaluation*	Description
Progress Tests	70.00%	0.00%	Assessment of the student's achievement of the learning outcomes. The student's ability to present in a reasoned manner his/her solution to a criminal problem will be especially valued.
Assessment of active participation	30.00%	100.00%	Assessment of the achievement of learning outcomes through tests, individual or team practice or active participation in the classroom.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

According to art. 4 of the UCLM Student Evaluation Regulations, it must be provided to students who cannot regularly attend face-to-face training activities the passing of the subject, having the right (art. 12.2) to be globally graded, in 2 annual calls per subject, an ordinary and an extraordinary one (evaluating 100% of the competences).

#### Evaluation criteria for the final exam:

##### Continuous assessment:

Those students who follow the continuous assessment system must obtain a minimum mark of 5 out of 10 in the sum of the progress tests carried out as well as the assessment of participation in class.

Clarity in the exposition of concepts

Analytical acuity

Understanding of interrelated problems.

##### Non-continuous evaluation:

Those students who do not follow the continuous assessment system or do not pass it, must pass a final test with a mark of 5 out of 10, by means of a practical test in which they must fully resolve a criminal case, with the argumentation required by the doctrine of the Supreme Court to give validity to criminal decisions.

Clarity in the exposition of concepts

Analytical acuity

Understanding of interrelated problems.

#### Specifications for the resit/retake exam:

The extraordinary call does not differ from the ordinary call.

#### Specifications for the second resit / retake exam:

The special final examination does not differ from the ordinary and the extraordinary examination.

9. Assignments, course calendar and important dates	
Not related to the syllabus/contents	
Hours	hours
<b>Unit 1 (de 4): Introduction</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	5
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	5
Other on-site activities [PRESENCIAL][Cooperative / Collaborative Learning]	4
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	5
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Learning Contract]	7
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	7
On-line debates and forums [AUTÓNOMA][Debates]	4
Group 11:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 13-09-2021	<b>End date:</b> 08-10-2021
Group 16:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 13-09-2021	<b>End date:</b> 08-10-2021
Group 10:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 13-09-2021	<b>End date:</b> 08-10-2021
<b>Unit 2 (de 4): Constitutional principles of criminal law</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	6
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	4
Other on-site activities [PRESENCIAL][Cooperative / Collaborative Learning]	4
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	7
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Learning Contract]	4
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	4
Writing of reports or projects [AUTÓNOMA][project-based learning]	5
On-line debates and forums [AUTÓNOMA][Debates]	2
On-line Activities [AUTÓNOMA][Assessment tests]	1
Group 10:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 11-10-2021	<b>End date:</b> 05-11-2021
Group 11:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 11-10-2021	<b>End date:</b> 05-11-2021
Group 16:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 11-10-2021	<b>End date:</b> 05-11-2021
<b>Unit 3 (de 4): Legal consequences of crime</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>

Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	3
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	5
Other on-site activities [PRESENCIAL][Cooperative / Collaborative Learning]	2
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	5
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Learning Contract]	3
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	5
Writing of reports or projects [AUTÓNOMA][project-based learning]	3
On-line debates and forums [AUTÓNOMA][Debates]	2
On-line Activities [AUTÓNOMA][Assessment tests]	2
Group 10:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 08-11-2021	<b>End date:</b> 22-12-2021
Group 11:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 08-11-2021	<b>End date:</b> 22-12-2021
Group 16:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 08-11-2021	<b>End date:</b> 22-12-2021
<b>Unit 4 (de 4): legal theory of crime</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	11
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	11
Other on-site activities [PRESENCIAL][Cooperative / Collaborative Learning]	7.5
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	33
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Learning Contract]	11
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	9
Writing of reports or projects [AUTÓNOMA][project-based learning]	29.5
On-line debates and forums [AUTÓNOMA][Debates]	4.5
On-line Activities [AUTÓNOMA][Assessment tests]	4.5
Group 10:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 31-01-2022	<b>End date:</b> 13-05-2022
Group 11:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 31-01-2022	<b>End date:</b> 13-05-2022
Group 16:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 31-01-2022	<b>End date:</b> 13-05-2022
<b>Global activity</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>hours</b>
Other on-site activities [PRESENCIAL][Cooperative / Collaborative Learning]	17.5
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	50
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Learning Contract]	25
Other off-site activity [AUTÓNOMA][Self-study]	25
Writing of reports or projects [AUTÓNOMA][project-based learning]	37.5
On-line debates and forums [AUTÓNOMA][Debates]	12.5
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Case Studies]	25
On-line Activities [AUTÓNOMA][Assessment tests]	7.5
<b>Total horas: 200</b>	

10. Bibliography and Sources						
Author(s)	Title/Link	Publishing house	Citv	ISBN	Year	Description
Demetrio Crespo/Vicente Martínez/Matellanes Rodríguez	Lecciones y materiales para el estudio del Derecho penal. Tomo II. Teoría del delito	IUSTEL	Madrid	Última edición		
Mir Puig	Derecho penal. Parte General.	Reppertor	Barcelona	Última edición		
Muñoz Conde/García Arán	Derecho penal. Parte General.	Tirant lo blanch	Valencia	Última edición		
Berdugo/Arroyo/Ferré/García Rivas/Serrano Piedecosas/Terradillos	Curso de Derecho penal. Parte General	Experiencia	Barcelona		2016	
Berdugo/Pérez Cepeda/Zúñiga	Lecciones y materiales para el estudio del Derecho penal.	IUSTEL	Madrid	Última edición		
Quintero Olivares/Morales Prats	Introducción al Derecho penal					
	Parte General del Derecho penal.	Aranzadi	Pamplona	Última edición		