



**TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATIVE-MASTER SYLLABUS**

The Administrative- Master Syllabus is an administrative tool; it is **not intended to be distributed to students.** It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the faculty of TVCC, regardless of who teaches the course, the timeframe by which it is instructed, or the instructional method by which the course is delivered. It is not intended to restrict the manner by which an individual faculty member teaches the course but to be an administrative tool to aid in the improvement of instruction. The Administrative-Master Syllabus will demonstrate that there is consistency and comparability in course offerings.

Course Title

Criminal Law and Procedure

Course Prefix and Number

LGLA 2313

Department –

Division Workforce Education – Legal Assistant Technology

Course Type – select from one of the following categories.

- Academic General Education Course (from ACGM – but not in TVCC Core)
- Academic TVCC Core Course
- WECM Courses

Semester Credit Hours: Lecture Hours: Lab/other hours

Semester Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/Other* Hours
3	3	0

Other hours include practicum, clinical or other types of non-lecture instruction. *If other, please specify: _____

Course Catalog Description

This course introduces the criminal justice system including procedures from arrest to final disposition, principles of federal and state law, and the preparation of pleadings and motions. The student will define and properly use terminology relating to criminal law; describe sources of law relating to criminal law; locate and analyze cases and statutes relating to criminal law; describe the role and ethical obligations of the paralegal relating to criminal law; and draft documents commonly used in criminal law.

Prerequisites/co requisites

None

Topical Outline

Chapter 1 – Foundations of Criminal Law
Chapter 2 – Administration of Criminal Law and the Role of the Paralegal
Chapter 3 – Components of a Crime
Chapter 4 – Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Habitation
Chapter 5 – Crimes Against Property, Public Order and Safety, Public Morals, and Justice and Public Administration
Chapter 6 – Inchoate and Organized Crimes
Chapter 7 – Defenses
Chapter 8 – Intake and Drafting the Complaint
Chapter 9 – Search and Seizure
Chapter 10 – Confessions and Pre-Trial Identification Procedures
Chapter 11 – Pretrial: Initial Appearance to Preliminary Hearing
Chapter 12 – Pretrial: Grand Jury to Pretrial Conference
Chapter 13 – Trial: Rights, Procedure, Task
Chapter 14 - Sentencing, Punishment, and Review

Course Learning Outcomes

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Relationship to General Education Outcomes – In addition to the core competencies, Trinity Valley Community College has established ten general education goals which specify knowledge and skills that students should gain from completing courses in the various component areas of the core curriculum. Information regarding curriculum and assessment as a means for the improvement of student learning through the general education component. (Select all that apply.)

Mark with an "X"	General Education Outcome
	A. To communicate clearly and effectively in both oral and written English.
	B. To improve reading skills focused on comprehending, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating printed materials.
	C. To understand mathematical information and utilize mathematical skills.
X	D. To demonstrate qualitative and quantitative critical thinking skills.
	E. To understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic diversity.
X	F. To utilize computer based technology in accessing information, solving problems, and communicating.
	G. To recognize and evaluate artistic achievements in the visual and performing arts.
	H. To improve basic understanding of political, economic, and social systems.
	I. To demonstrate knowledge of the physical universe and living systems.
	J. To develop skills and strategies to become an engaged learner.

Required Text(s)

Criminal Law and Procedure for the Paralegal, 3rd ed., by McCord, ISBN 9781401865641 published by J.A. Majors.

Optional Text(s)

Material/Technology to be supplied by the student.

Pen, pencils and paper to take lecture notes.

Course Requirements/Grading System – describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course; not intended to restrict the individual nature by which each faculty member who teaches the course determines course requirements and final student performance, but should offer consistency within reason for all sections taught for those departments without a standardized format.

Instruction will be by lecture/demonstration/discussion, with emphasis on student-teacher interaction.

Approvals – the contents of this document have been reviewed and are found to be accurate.

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