

ACE Study Resource – CRIJ 1306

Syllabus: To search for your course syllabus, follow these instructions.

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Textbook:

Hemmens, C., Brody, D. C., & Spohn, C. (2020). Criminal courts: A contemporary perspective. SAGE Publications, Inc. ISBN 978-1-5443-3894-1

Key Concepts:

- 1. Law
- 2. Jurisdiction
- 3. State Courts
- 4. The Crime Control Model & The Due Process Model
- 5. Double Jeopardy
- 6. Criminal Law
- 7. Federal Courts
- 8. The Code of Hammurabi
- 9. Pretrial
- 10. Judges
- 11. Prosecutors
- 12. Bill of rights

Tips and Strategies:

- Read the chapters before each lecture! This will help you understand the material you go over in class even better.
- If you have questions, ASK! You can ask your professor or go with a tutor.
- Prepare flashcards of key concepts and terms to test yourself.

Resources:

- **Academic Center for Excellence Tutoring:** To book an appointment with visit our website, call (956) 326-4223, or send an email to academicsupport@tamtu.edu.
- **Khan Academy:** [Due process and the rights of the accused](#)

Practice and Application:

Below are practice problems to reinforce your knowledge of key course concepts.

1. What are the three tiers of the federal court system?
 - a. District courts, courts of appeal, and the Supreme Court
 - b. Court limited jurisdiction, courts of general jurisdiction, and intermediate appeal courts
 - c. Supreme Court, courts of general jurisdiction, and courts of limited jurisdiction.

2. What is a court's jurisdiction is conferred by? (Refers to key concept 2)
3. What are the responsibilities of the judge? (Refers to key concept 10)
4. What are the Sources of Law? (Refers to key concept 1)
5. What role does the prosecutor play? (Refers to key concept 11)
6. What is the Hammurabi's Code? (Refers to key concept 8)
7. Discuss the pretrial roles. (Refers to key concept 9)
8. What are the differences between the state and federal courts? (Refers to key concepts 3 & 7)
9. What is the Crime Control Model and Due Process Model? (Refers to key concept 4)
10. Define double jeopardy. (Refers to key concept 5)
11. Define Criminal Law. (Refers to key concept 6)
12. Study the Bill of Rights and its applications to different Case laws. (Refers to key concept 12)

Disclaimer:

- Please use this document as a supplemental resource. You must follow class instructions and expectations set by your professor.
 - This guide does not substitute your class.
 - This guide does not cover the entire syllabus or course.