



Course Learning Outcomes for Unit I

Upon completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Define terms related to criminal law.
 - 1.1 Define types of crime and types of law.
2. Examine the purpose and function of criminal law.
 - 2.1 Compare/contrast the differences between criminal law and other forms of law.
 - 2.2 Examine the efforts made in the U.S. to standardize American criminal law between jurisdictions.
 - 2.3 Describe the U.S. federal systems of laws (the U.S. Code).
3. Assess legal issues as presented in court cases.
 - 3.1 Discuss *stare decisis* and the notion that it is an inexorable command.

Reading Assignment

Chapter 1:

The Nature and History of Criminal Law

Unit Lesson

Please view the Unit I Presentation located underneath the Unit I Study Guide in your course in Blackboard.