



## Course Learning Outcomes for Unit II

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

1. Define terms related to criminal law.
  - 1.1 Define terms related to criminal liability and the elements of crimes
  - 1.2 Explain the concept of an inchoate crime.
3. Analyze legal issues presented in court cases.
  - 3.1 Evaluate whether simple negligence can provide the basis for criminal liability.
  - 3.2 Determine what constitutes the *corpus delicti* of an offense as well as what constitutes a “substantial step” toward commission of a target offense.
4. Analyze key concepts related to criminal law.
  - 4.1 Identify the crime of attempt.
  - 4.2 Explain the common law categories used to describe parties to a crime.
  - 4.3 Compare conspiracy and criminal solicitation.

## Reading Assignment

### Chapter 2:

Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime

### Chapter 3:

Expanding the Concept of Crime

### Chapter 4:

Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime

Read the following handouts:

[“What Constitutes the Corpus Delicti of an Offense?”](#)

[“For Purposes of Criminal Attempt, What Constitutes A ‘Substantial Step’ Toward Commission of the Targeted Offense?”](#)

[“Can a Private Corporation be Held Liable for the Crime of Homicide?”](#)

## Unit Lesson

Please view the Unit II, Part 1 Presentation and Unit II, Part 2 Presentation located underneath the Unit II Study Guide in your course in Blackboard.