



## Course Learning Outcomes for Unit III

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

1. Define terms related criminal law.
  - 1.1 Define terms related to criminal defenses.
  - 1.2 Define insanity and how it is used as a defense.
  
3. Assess legal issues as presented in court cases.
  - 3.1 Examine when deadly force can be used as a claim of self-defense.
  - 3.2 Debate the use of the “battered woman’s” defense.
  - 3.3 Analyze what constitutes entrapment by government agents.
  
4. Analyze key concepts related to criminal law.
  - 4.1 Describe the nature of defenses.
  - 4.2 Illustrate categories of justifications and excuses as defenses.
  - 4.3 Explain how competency to stand trial is assessed today.

## Reading Assignment

### Chapter 5:

Justifications as Defenses

### Chapter 6:

Defenses: Excuses and Insanity

Read the following handouts:

[“Can a Defendant Who Lies About her Role in Spousal Homicide Still Raise a ‘Battered Woman’s’ Defense?”](#)

[“Is there a Meaningful Difference Between ‘Insanity’ and ‘Temporary Insanity’?”](#)

[“What Constitutes Entrapment by Government Agents?”](#)

## Unit Lesson

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