

- Casebook: George E. Dix and M. Michael Sharlot, CRIMINAL LAW (6TH ED.)
- TWEN: This course has a TWEN website, on which additional materials and discussion questions will be posted. Be sure that you are registered for and able to access the TWEN site.
- Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00-2:30 p.m; by appointment
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- Participation: Prompt class attendance is mandatory. If you need to be excused from class or from being called on in class, you must contact me in writing (either via type written, signed note or email) in advance of class, circumstances permitting, or after class, explaining your need to be excused. Handwritten notes may compromise anonymity in exam grading, and therefore will not be accepted. Unexcused absence from class, tardiness or lack of participation may result in grade reduction.
- Grades: Grades will be based on a final examination. Class participation will also raise or lower grades as appropriate.

SYLLABUS

The page numbers listed below are for the Casebook. Unless otherwise indicated, read all of the assigned pages, which may include not only the designated case, but also Notes & Questions, articles or other materials after the case or introductory material before the case as well as information contained in the supplement to the textbook.

Please note that various assignments will have supplemental reading outside of that contained in the case book. Such reading will be posted on the TWEN website or distributed in class.

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