

# CJS 208

## Criminal Law



### **Course Description**

This course entails the study of statutes and case decisions interpreting those statutes relating to substantive criminal law. Students will acquire experience in reading and construing Illinois criminal statutes. Students will also acquire experience in analyzing factual scenarios in order to determine possible crimes committed and in preparing memoranda of important cases. Students will also be required to observe a criminal courtroom for 2 hours and write a paper on their observations.

### **Course Objectives**

- Familiarize the student with the Illinois Criminal statutes and their application to factual scenarios using a “real world” lecture by example method
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills
- Develop an insight into law enforcement, prosecution and defense issues in criminal law
- Gain an understanding of the system as it operates and how to navigate issues that arise in the criminal justice system.