Open Educational Resources for Justice Studies

[Criminal Law](#)

Criminal Law introduces you to crimes and defenses that have been broken down into separate components.
[Criminal Law](#) -A direct link to the source above.

[Introduction to Criminal Law](#)

Chapter topics include the legal system of the United States, constitutional protections, the elements of a crime, inchoate defenses, and the different types of crimes.

[Criminal Justice: An Overview of the System](#)

Most people have gained some understanding of how the American criminal justice system works simply by living in our society and being exposed to popular culture. Unfortunately, this common knowledge is incomplete and intermixed with many myths. Many important elements of our criminal justice system are simply not a part of the "average Joe's" understanding of how the system works. This text is designed to provide the reader with a clear and concise overview of the entire American criminal justice system with an eye to dispelling some common myths.

[Introduction to Criminal Investigation: Processes, Practices and Thinking](#)

Delineating criminal investigation into operational descriptors of tactical-response and strategic response while using illustrations of task-skills and thinking-skills, the reader is guided into structured thinking practices.

[Ethics in Law Enforcement](#)

The text covers all pertinent aspects of criminal justice ethics. The text covers a wide range of ethical systems. Various ethical concepts are applied to the three core components of the criminal justice system.
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Other OER Resources
- *Modifying an Open Textbook: What You Need to Know*, https://press.rebus.community/otnmodify
- InfoKit on Open Educational Resources, https://www.jisc.ac.uk/guides/open-educational-resources

Textbook Affordability Program

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Background

In response to student concerns about the current price of course materials, SBCC has secured a grant to provide professional development opportunities and support for faculty interested in switching from high-cost, traditionally published textbooks to free or low-cost Open Educational Resources.

Please consult the flow chart and stipend structure for Open Educational Resources adoption guidelines and incentives.

Get Help

- For assistance finding OER, questions about stipends or the SBCC Textbook Affordability Program contact program coordinator Camerin Poulson
- For assistance finding supplemental library materials to support OER contact Reference Librarian Michelle Bone, Instruction Coordinator Librarian Ellen Carey, or Camerin Poulson.
- For technical and design assistance incorporating OER into your course contact the Faculty Resource Center.
- For questions about how to offer print copies of your OER through the bookstore contact Shane Bandy
- To get a print copy of your OER placed on the library reserve contact Camerin Poulson.
- For questions about acquiring accessible OER materials to support students with disabilities please contact Laurie Vasquez, Assistive Technologies Specialist. To

understand the interaction between accessibility and OER materials please use the [accessibility checklist](#) as a guide.