

Criminal Law
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Spring 2021
First Week's Reading

Listed below are the materials required for this course and the reading assignments for the first week of class:

Required Materials

The books required for this class are:

- 1) Dressler & Garvey, *CASES AND MATERIALS ON CRIMINAL LAW*, 8th. Ed.
- 2) Joshua Dressler, *UNDERSTANDING CRIMINAL LAW*, 8th Ed.
- 3) Sophocles, *THREE THEBAN PLAYS*, Robert Fagles, translator (We will read *Oedipus the King*. If you have another version, you need not buy this one. Also, the play is available online at <http://classics.mit.edu/Sophocles/oedipus.html> and at <http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/31>) That said, the Fagles translation is much easier to read, and you can get it online for a very modest price.
- 4) Supplemental materials to be posted on LexisNexis Canvas.

READING FOR JANUARY 19-22, 2021

Tues, Jan 19, 2021

An Introduction to the Basic Principles of Criminal Liability

- Required reading:*
- 1) OEDIPUS THE KING (in paperback titled *Three Theban Plays*);
 - 2) Dressler & Garvey, *CASES AND MATERIALS*, pp. 1- 5.

Thurs., Jan. 21, 2021

More on Basic Principles of Criminal Liability

- Required reading:*
- 1) OEDIPUS THE KING (in paperback titled *Three Theban Plays*);
 - 2) Dressler & Garvey, *CASES AND MATERIALS*, Appendix, Model Penal Code, secs. 210.0 – 210.4, 230.2 on pp. 1039-1041, 1061; and MPC Secs. 3.04, on pp. 1018-19;
 - 3) Excerpt from Isak Dinesen, *Out of Africa* (available on Canvas under “Course Documents / Readings on Oedipus and all that / Out of Africa – Excerpt”).

Fri., Jan. 22, 2021

Principles of Punishment

- Required reading:*
- 1) OEDIPUS THE KING (in paperback titled *Three Theban Plays*);
 - 2) Dressler & Garvey, *CASES AND MATERIALS*, pp. 31-49, up to, but not including n. 1 on p. 49;
 - 3) Assignment: Sentencing of Oedipus (on Canvas under “Course Documents”)