



## **Torts, Criminal Law & Procedures Course Outline**

### **Unit 1: Blackstone's Skills for Success**

- Discover How You Learn
- Find a Place to Study
- Learn How to Study

### **Unit 2: Torts**

- Fundamental Notions
- Trespass to the Person
- Battery
- Assault
- False Imprisonment
- Trespass to the Property
- Excusable Trespasses
- Conversion
- Nature of Conversion
- Particular Instances of Conversion
- Legal Cause
- Negligence
- Deceit
- The Defendant's Wrongful Conduct
- The Effect Upon the Plaintiff
- Defamation
- Two Species of Defamation
- The Plaintiff's Case in Defamation
- The Defendant's Response
- The Response
- Prima Facie Defense
- Judgement & Damages
- Malicious Prosecution
- Interference with Domestic Relations
- Interference with Contractual Relations
- Interference with Business or Employment
- Right of Privacy
- Acting at Peril - General Principles
- Liability for Inanimate Forces
- Liability for Injuries from Lawful Use of One's Land
- Joint Tort-Feasors

### **Unit 3: Criminal Law**

- The Subject Defined
- The Act
- The Intent
- Incapacity or Limitations to Criminal Capacity
- Circumstances Affecting Criminal Responsibility
- Justification
- Parties to Crime
- Incomplete Offenses
- Homicide
- Assault, Battery, Mayhem
- Rape
- False Imprisonment
- Kidnapping & Abduction
- Burglary & Arson
- Larceny
- Robbery
- Embezzlement
- False Pretenses
- Receiving Stolen Goods
- Malicious Mischief
- Forgery
- Counterfeiting
- Extortion
- Offenses Against Religion, Morals & Decency
- Offenses Against the Public Peace
- Offenses Against Public Authority

### **Unit 4: Pleadings in Civil Actions, Practice in Civil Actions, Criminal Procedures**

- Necessity of Pleading & Importance of Subject
- History of Courts & Pleading
- Course of Action
- Common Law
- Causes of Action
- Proceedings in Other Courts & Effect of the Code on Forms of Action
- Parties to Actions and Joinder of Actions
- The Plaintiff's First Pleading
- General Rules of Pleading
- The Defenses to an Action
- Defendant's Pleading & Rules Governing Them
- The Plaintiff's Second Pleading
- Closing of Issues & Judgment
- Beginning Suit
- Preliminary Motions

- Non-Jury Cases
- Jury Trials
- Opening Statements - Excluding Witnesses
- Depositions
- Examinations of Witnesses
- Charging the Jury
- Verdicts
- Entering Judgment
- Appeals
- Introduction to Criminal Procedure
- Jurisdiction & Venue
- Preliminary Proceedings
- Indictments
- Procedure Between Indictment & Trial
- The Trial
- Steps After the Trial

**Unit 5: Critical Thinking Skills**

- Introduction to Critical Thinking and the PANIC Method
- Inference and Judgment
- Metacognition
- Forming Strong Critical Conclusions through Predicting
- Rhetorical Strategies
- Critical Theories
- Deductive Reasoning
- Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking