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CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS IN CRIMINAL LAW

A study of substantive criminal law in its procedural context. Time permitting, the course will focus on the basic culpability doctrines that have developed gradually through a process of case decision and statutory codification; criminal homicide including the issues of malice aforethought, liability for unintentional killings, the felony murder rule and the act of homicide (causing the death of a human being); the role of mental illness in determining culpability and the insanity defense; preparatory or inchoate crimes including solicitation, attempt, and conspiracy; and criminal defenses including self-defense, defense of third parties, defense of property, and justification and excuse.