

**Criminal Law  
Lecture 2 Study Guide**

**What are the two major categories of crime based on seriousness of the offense?**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Who determines the grading of an offense? How?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**How are felonies graded in Arkansas?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**How are Misdemeanors graded in Arkansas?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**What are violations?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Define *Strict Liability Offense*:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fill out the blanks in the table below:

Offense Classifications and Sentences		
Grade of Offense	Minimum Sentence	Maximum Sentence
Class Y felony		not more than ___ years <i>or</i> life
Class A felony	not less than ___ years	not more than ___ years
Class B felony	not less than ___ years	not more than ___ years
Class C felony	not less than ___ years	not more than ___ years
Class D felony	<i>none specified</i>	not more than ___ years
unclassified felony	<i>as specified by statute</i>	<i>as specified by statute</i>
Class A misdemeanor	<i>none specified</i>	not more than ___ year
Class B misdemeanor	<i>none specified</i>	not more than ___ days
Class C misdemeanor	<i>none specified</i>	not more than ___ days
unclassified misdemeanor	<i>as specified by statute</i>	<i>as specified by statute</i>

What does it mean when we say that the US has a “federal system” of government?

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What happens if a state law conflicts with a federal law? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are Constitutions called the “supreme law of the land”? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who can declare a state law unconstitutional? \_\_\_\_\_

Who can declare a federal law unconstitutional? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the primary sources of criminal law?

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**Define Statutory Law:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Define Case Law:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is the “Arkansas Criminal Code”?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Define Judicial Review:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**The primary source for substantive criminal law is** \_\_\_\_\_.

**The primary source for procedural law is** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Who can change a ruling of the Supreme Court?** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Most cases reach the Supreme Court by way of an** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Define Appeal:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The party to bring an appeal to the higher court is called the \_\_\_\_\_.  
The party appealed against is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

What are the *Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure*? \_\_\_\_\_

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