

Syllabus

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SPRING 2013

Concepts of Criminal Law (AJ 102)

Mondays 6:30 PM-9:40PM – Room 203

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Course Description:

This course will cover the historical development of law and constitutional provisions; definitions and the classification of crime and their application to the system of administration of justice; legal research, study of case law, methodology, and concepts of law as a social force are presented. Crimes against persons, property, government, and organized crime are discussed.

Required Textbook:

Samaha, Joel **Criminal Law**, 10th Edition 2011

Evaluation Methodology:

Your grade in this course will be based on the accumulation of percentage points generated from the following:

Quizzes/Class Assignments	10%
Test 1	20%
Midterm	20%
Case Review	20%
Final Exam	30%
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	100% of Final Grade

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- First Outcome: Express an increased awareness of the legal principles of criminal law and its application.
- Second Outcome: Analyze criminal acts, their elements, parties to offenses, and application to the criminal justice system.
- Third Outcome: Demonstrate the elements of each law, identify the proper statute, and be able to determine which one is the correct law to use when charging someone.

Grades will be based on the following percentages:

90-100%	=	A
80-89%	=	B
70-79%	=	C
60-69%	=	D
0-59%	=	F

Attendance:

The IVC Student Catalog states that a student may be dropped from a course when their absences exceed the number of class hours which the class meets per week. **Instructor will NOT drop you. It is the student's responsibility to drop the class on their own.**

Late Arrival to Class:

Punctuality is important in law enforcement or any professional career. **All students are expected to be in class on time.** Class will begin **EXACTLY** at 6:30 PM. If you have a legitimate excuse and you know that you will be late to class you must contact me prior to the start of the class.

Test Make-Up Policy:

If a Class Assignment or Quiz is missed, NO MAKE-UPS ARE ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS

If a Test or Final Exam is missed, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor PRIOR to the exam. Make-ups **MAY** be given on a case by case basis. Exp: Death of an immediate family member or illness/injury (physician's note required, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Special Needs:

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor of the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) Office as soon as possible.

Case Review:

A case review paper on a criminal law topic will be written by the student and turned in on the assigned date/time. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated and can cause the student a failing grade in class or up to/including expulsion.

Class Schedule

Week	Date	Class Assignment
1. Class Assignment	1-21-2014	Intro. Chap 1
2. None	1-28-2014	Chap 2
3. Quiz	2-4-2014	Chap 3
3. Class Assignment	2-11-2014	Chap 4/Exam 1 Review
4. Class Assignment	2-18-2014	Exam 1
5. None	2-25-2014	Chap 5
6. Quiz	3-4-2014	Chap 6
7. Class Assignment	3-11-2014	Chap 7
8. Class Assignment	3-18-2014	Chap 8
9. Class Assignment	3-25-2014	Chap 9/ Midterm Review
10. Class Assignment	4-1-2014	Midterm
11. None	4-8-2014	Chap 10
12. Quiz	4-15-2014	Chap 11
13. Class Assignment	4-22-2014	Spring Break
14. Class Assignment	4-29-2014	Chap 13
15. Class Assignment	5-6-2014	Term Papers Due/ Final Exam Review
16. Class Assignment	5-13-2014	Final Exam

***Please Note: ALL class assignments and test dates are subject to change without warning!**