

Basic Course Information

Semester	Summer 2014	Instructor Name	Kathy Rodriguez
Course Title & #	Concepts of Criminal Law AJ 102	Email	Kathy.rodriguez@imperial.edu
CRN #	30021	Webpage (optional)	
Room	211	Office	1715
Class Dates	6/16/14 - 07/23/14	Office Hours	Schedule for appt.
Class Days	MTWR	Office Phone #	760-355-6245
Class Times	10:00 AM – 12:10 PM	Office contact if student will be out or emergency	Rhonda Ruiz 760-355-6280
Units	3		

Course Description

The course will cover the general part of criminal law: the nature, origins, structure, sources, and purposes of criminal law and criminal punishment; the constitutional limits on the criminal law; the general principles of criminal liability; the defenses of justification and excuse; parties to a crime and vicarious liability; and incomplete crimes. It will also cover the special part of the criminal law; the major crimes against persons; crimes against homes and property; crimes against public order and morals; and crimes against the state.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Identify the difference between criminal law and civil law. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
2. Identify liability and how liability is determined. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Demonstrate understanding of various crime groups to include: Crimes against People, Crimes against Property, and Crimes against the Government. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Synthesize the historical development of the law and philosophy of the law.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the United States Constitution and constitutional legal issues through assigned writings and case studies.
3. Restate and explain basic legal definitions and concepts..
4. Formulate an appreciation for the value of case study and legal research as a means of interpreting court decisions in relation to written statute.
5. Demonstrate a basic knowledge and application of specific criminal violations.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Criminal Law, 11/E, Joel Samaha, ISBN-13: 9780495095392 ISBN-10: 0495095397

This is your main textbook for the course. The questions contained in the exams will come from this book so read and study it carefully. This textbook takes an in-depth look at the procedures of Criminal Law.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Class Activity

Essay

Chapter Tests/Final Exam(s)

Problem Solving Exercise

Quizzes

Written Assignments

Audio Visual

Lecture

Simulation/Case Study

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

How much you learn in the course, as well as your final grade, depends on the effort you put into the readings and assignments. There are a total of 6 weeks with a total of 600 points available. Grades will be assigned on the basis of the following weights:

POSSIBLE POINTS	FINAL GRADES
5 In Class Assignments 100 pts Worth 20 Points each	90 -100 % = A
5 Exams 500 pts	80 - 89 % = B
Total 600 pts	70 - 79 % = C
	60 - 69 % = D
	Less than 60% = F

Make-up Tests will be allowed under extenuating circumstances and 5 points will be deducted for each day late. No in class assignments will be allowed since they are group assignments.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.
- ***Last day to drop with a "W" is 07/15/2014***

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class unless otherwise directed by the instructor. Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, with the exception of laptops or iPads for note taking purposes only. Cell phones ringing during class and all electronic devices not put away will be held by the instructor until the end of class. Students violating this policy during a class period will have 5 points deducted from their class Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

- Plagiarism is to take and present as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to correctly 'cite a source', you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials, or assisting others in using materials, which are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General School Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment ;(c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment, (e) use of a commercial term paper service

Additional Help – Discretionary Section and Language

- Blackboard support center: <http://bbcrm.edusupportcenter.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=8543>

- **Learning Labs:** There are several ‘labs’ on campus to assist you through the use of computers, tutors, or a combination. Please consult your college map for the Math Lab, Reading & Writing Lab, and Learning Services (library). Please speak to the instructor about labs unique to your specific program
- **Library Services:** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the learning center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313 if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. We now also have a fulltime mental health counselor. For information see <http://www.imperial.edu/students/student-health-center/>. The IVC Student Health Center is located in the Health Science building in Room 2109, telephone 760-355-6310.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding student rights and responsibilities please refer to the IVC General Catalog available online at http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to help students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/library-department/info-lit-tutorials/>

Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 6/16-6/19	Syllabus & Introduction Chapter 1: The Nature and Limits of Criminal Law in U.S. Society Chapter 2: Constitutional Law on Criminal Law	6/18: Class Assignment
Week 2 6/23-6/26	Chapter 3: The General Principles of Criminal Liability- <i>Actus Reus</i> Chapter 4: The General Principles of Criminal Liability- <i>Mens Rea</i>	6/25: Class Assignment 6/26: Test 1 (Chapters 1-4)
Week 3 6/30-7/3	Chapter 5: Defenses To Criminal Liability- <i>Justifications</i> Chapter 6: Defenses To Criminal Liability- <i>Excuse</i>	7/2: Class Assignment 7/3: Test 2
Week 4 7/7-7/10	Chapter 7: Parties to Crime and Vicarious Liability Chapter 8: Inchoate Crimes: Attempt, Conspiracy and Solicitation	7/9: Class Assignment 7/10: Test 3
Week 5 7/14-7/17	Chapter 9: Crimes Against Persons I: Criminal Homicide Chapter 10: Crimes Against Persons II: Criminal Sexual	7/16: Class Assignment 7/17: Test 4

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	Conduct, Bodily Injury, and Personal Restraint	
Week 6 7/21-7/23	Chapter 11: Crimes Against Property Chapter 12: Crimes Against Public Order and Morals Chapter 13: Crimes Against States	7/23: FINAL: (Comprehensive Test)