

## Basic Course Information

Semester:	<b>Spring 2026</b>	Instructor Name:	<b>Kathy Rodriguez</b>
Course Title & #:	<b>Concepts of Criminal Law AJ 102</b>	Email:	<b>Kathy.rodriguez@imperial.edu</b>
CRN #:	20359	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	<b>online</b>	Office #:	<b>RM 3209</b>
Class Dates:	<b>02/17/26-06/12/26</b>	Office Hours:	<b>Office Hours: M-R (Online) 4:00 pm-5:00 pm</b>
Class Days:	<b>Online</b>	Office Phone #:	<b>760-355-6245</b>
Class Times:	<b>Online</b>	Emergency Contact:	<b>700-355-6280 Rhonda Ruiz</b>

Units: <b>3</b>	Class Format: <b>Online</b>
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### Course Description

The course covers the historical development of law and constitutional provision, definitions and the classification of crime, the application of crimes to the system of administration of justice, legal research, the study of case law, methodology, and concepts of law as a social force is presented. Crimes against people, property, government, and organized crime are discussed. (CSU, UC)

### Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None.

### Student Learning Outcomes

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

- Identify the difference between criminal law and civil law (IL01, IL02, IL04).
- Identify liability and how liability is determined. (IL01, IL02, IL04, IL05).
- Demonstrate understanding of various crime groups to include Crimes against People, Crimes against Property, and Crimes against the Government. (IL01, IL02, IL04).

### Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the 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 of the value of case studies and legal research as a means of interpreting court decisions concerning written statutes.
5. Demonstrate basic knowledge and application of specific criminal violations.

### Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Criminal Law Today, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition by Frank Schmalleger. Pearson publication

Student Edition ISBN: 10-0-13-597038

All other course materials can be accessed through Canvas.

### **Course Requirements and Instructional Methods**

**We will be using Canvas to conduct this online course.**

Logging into Canvas

- a. Go to <http://imperial.canvas.com> and follow the login instructions to login.
- b. Once logged in, click on the 'courses' tab located on the top right of the page. c. Click on the class to enter the course.
- d. Read the course syllabus.
- e. Read the document under each Week called "Objectives and Assignments." This will provide you with information regarding each week's course studies and tasks to complete.

The online version of this course is not self-paced. There are strict deadlines that need to be met every week. You will be given a list of weekly deliverables that you will be responsible for. You can find these under the appropriate weekly heading (i.e.. Week 1). Any questions you may have about the course can be posted in the 'Ask the Instructor' forum inside Canvas.

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. *[Describe course activities, assignments, tests, homework, etc.]*

### **Course Grading Based on Course Objectives**

How much you put into the readings and in class assignments. No makeup tests, quizzes or in class assignments will be given. Grades will be assigned based on the following weights:

**Course Grading Based on Course Objectives**

Assignment Descriptors	Points
1. Discussion/Reviews	400 (20)
2. Quizzes	100 (10)
3. Tests	100 (4)
4. Final Exam	100(1)

<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>700</b>
<p>A= 90-100% B = 80--89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69% F = 59- 0%</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: <i>Late assignments are not accepted</i> Assignments are.</b></p>	

### Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification. Any student using AI for any assignment in this course will receive a score of zero for the entire assignment.

### Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

## Course Policies

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own 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 "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- *Anyone using AI for their assignments will receive a 0 for the entire assignment. NO tolerance for AI*
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.
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Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing 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 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) using a commercial term paper service.

## Attendance

- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for the first week may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped. Week 1 requires 2 mandatory assignments to be completed by a due date. Failure to complete them may result in you being dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

What does it mean to "attend" an online class?

- Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:
- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam
- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference
- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer.

### **Assisted instruction via modules.**

- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor.
- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters.
- An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.

### **Honorlock**

Honorlock will proctor your exams this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. You DO NOT need to create an account or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7, and all that is required is a computer, a working webcam/microphone, your ID, and a stable internet connection. Honorlock is not compatible with a cell phone or ipad.

Honorlock minimum requirements are as follows: OS: Windows 11+, MacOS 13+ or higher, and ChromeOS version 120+  
 Browser: Google Chrome version 120+. Internet: 1.5 Mbps download and 750 Kbps upload. To view our minimum system requirements on our website, please visit [Honorlock.com/support](https://honorlock.com/support)Links to an external site.

To get started, you will need Google Chrome and download the Honorlock Chrome ExtensionLinks to an external site.

When you are ready to complete your assessment, log into Canvas, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking "Launch Proctoring" will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself, show your ID, and complete a scan of your room. Honorlock will be recording your exam session through your webcam, microphone, and recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device.

Honorlock support is available 24/7/365. If you encounter any issues, you may contact them through live chat on the support page Links to an external site. or within the exam itself. Some guides you should review are Honorlock MSRsLinks to an external site., Student FAQLinks to an external site., Honorlock Knowledge BaseLinks to an external site., and How to Use HonorlockLinks to an external site.

"Exams are taken through a Canvas-supported online proctoring system; further instructions will be provided in Canvas. Students must have a compatible computer or laptop and stable internet connection. A camera, microphone, and personal identification is required."

An appointment can be made at the IVC Library to complete your assignments should you choose not to be videotaped. You will be proctored by IVC while at the library.

If you have any technical issues, click on the link below.

[Honorlock.com/support](https://honorlock.com/support).

## Proctoring Services Test

If you do not want to be recorded during your assignments or quizzes through Honorlock, you can be proctored at the Imperial Valley College library. You must follow the instructions. **Proctoring Services Test**

The Learning Services Department offers test proctoring services to their students and the community free of charge. Our center is committed to providing a secure and inclusive environment to help support academic integrity. Test proctoring is only offered **Tuesdays from 1pm-5pm and Fridays from 9 am-3 pm**.

- Once a submission has been made by the instructor, it is the individual's responsibility to schedule a test proctoring appointment.
- We require a 48-hour notice from the professor/student to set up the appointment.
- You must contact the instructor within 24 hours or as soon as possible if you choose to be proctored at the library.

## Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! To continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at [finaid@imperial.edu](mailto:finaid@imperial.edu).

## IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

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<b>Date or Week</b>	<b>Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic (*8-week Course)</b>	<b>Due Dates/Tests</b>
Week 1 02/17-02/22	Syllabus & Introduction Chapter 1- The Nature and History of Criminal Law	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 2 02/23-03/01	Chapter 2- Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 3 03/02-03/08	Chapter 3- Expanding the Concept of Crime	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test
Week 4 03/09-03/15	Chapter 4- Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 5 03/16-03/22	Chapter 5- Justifications as Defenses	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 6 03/23-03/29	Chapter 6 – Defenses: Excuses and Insanity	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test

Week 7 03/30-04/05	Chapter 7- Crimes against Persons: Homicide	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
04/05-04/12	Spring Break-No Class	

Week 8 04/13-04/19	Chapter 8 – Crimes against persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, and Other Crimes	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 9 04/20-04/26	Chapter 9 – Property and Computer Crimes	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test
Week 10 04/27-05/03-	Chapter 10- Offenses against Public Order and the Administration of Justice	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 11 05/04-05/10	Chapter 11 – Offenses Against Public Morality	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 12 05/11-05/17	Chapter 12 – Terrorism and Human Trafficking	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test

<p>Week 13 05/18-05/24</p>	<p>Victims and the Law</p>	<p>Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz</p>
<p>Week 14 05/25-05/31</p>	<p>Chapter 14 – Punishment and Sentencing</p>	<p>Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz</p>
<p>Week 15 06/01-06/07</p>	<p>Chapter 14 – Punishment and Sentencing</p>	<p>Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz</p>
<p>Week 16 06/08-06/12</p>	<p>Final Exam</p>	<p>Final Exam</p>
	<p><b>***Subject to change without prior notice**</b></p>	