

Basic Course Information

Semester	FALL 2015	Instructor's Name	Michael W. Capeci
Course Title & #	AJ102 Concepts of Criminal	Instructor's Email	michael.capeci @imperial.edu
CRN #	20682	Webpage (optional)	N/A
Room	3203	Office (PT Faculty:809)	809
Class Dates	Aug. 17, 2015 - Dec. 11, 2015	Office Hours (n/a for PT Faculty)	By Appointment Only
Class Days	Mondays and Wednesdays	Office Phone # (PT may use dept. number)	760-355-6280
Class Times	11:20am-12:45pm	Who students should contact if emergency or other	Email instructor PRIOR to class
Units	3		

absence

Course Description

The course covers 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. (CSU, UC)

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 11th Edition Joel Samaha
ISBN: 978-1-285-06191-7

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Assignments are due on the date stated on the syllabus. Late assignments are subject to reduction of points. Make every effort to turn in assignments on time or you may receive a zero for that assignment. Failure to take a test will result in a zero for that test unless prior approval is given by the instructor. Tests will be twenty (30) minutes long. **If you are late to class, you will not be given extra time to take the test. Bring a No. 2 Pencil on test days.** You must communicate to your instructor any problems that you are having with the course.

Term Paper: (100 Points)

You are required to submit a four-page (minimum/maximum) typewritten report including a cover page and a bibliography page (1 cover page + 2 typed complete content pages + 1 bibliography page).

A minimum of three sources must be listed on your bibliography page and information taken from those sources cited throughout your report. Wikipedia sources are not acceptable. Term papers are due the final week of class.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

GRADING PROCEDURE: Total Points: **500 points**

Tests: 4 @50 points each **200** points.

Chapter Questions: 5 @ 10 points each **50** points.

Term Paper: **100** points

Classroom participation and demeanor: 50 points

Final Exam: **100** Points

A = 500-450 B = 449-400 C = 399-350 D = 349-300 F = 299-0

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.

Classroom Etiquette

- **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:** Any conduct that disrupts the learning process cannot be tolerated. Anyone engaging in such conduct will be asked to leave the classroom. Talking, whispering, loud yawning, and cell phones ringing during class are examples of disruptive behavior because such actions are disrespectful and distracting to the instructor and to other students. Respect your fellow students and instructors at all times.
- **Electronic Devices:** Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- **Food and Drink** are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs.
- **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. If you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations, the DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313.

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

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – AJ102 Concepts of Criminal Law

WEEK 1 8/17-8/19	Course introduction and overview Review Chapter 1 What is Criminal Justice
WEEK 2 8/24-8/26	Chapter 1
WEEK 3 8/31-9/2	Chapter 2
WEEK 4 9/7-9/9	Chapter 3 Review Questions Chapters 1-3 Due Test Chapters 1-3
WEEK 5 9/14-9/16	Chapter 4
Week 6 9/21-9/23	Chapter 5
WEEK 7 9/28-9/30	Chapter 6 Review Questions Chapters 4-6 Due Test Chapters 4-6
WEEK 8 10/5-10/7	Chapter 7
WEEK 9 10/12-10/14	Chapter 8
WEEK 10 10/19-10/21	Chapter 9 Review Questions Chapters 7-9 Due Test Chapters 7-9
WEEK 11 10/26-10/28	Chapter 10
WEEK 12 11/2-11/4	Chapter 11
WEEK 13 11/9-11/11	Chapter 12 Review Questions Chapters 10-12 Due Test Chapters 10-12
WEEK 14 11/16-11/18	Chapter 13
	THANKSGIVING BREAK
WEEK 15 11/30-12/2	Review of All Chapters Review Questions Chapters 13 Due
WEEK 16 12/7-12/9	Final Review and Comprehensive Final Examination Term Paper Due

*****Subject to Change without Notice*****