

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2019	Instructor Name:	Eric P. Hackett
Course Title & #:	AJ 102 Concepts of Criminal Law	Email:	Eric.Hackett@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10892	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	3211	Office #:	809
Class Dates:	August 20th-December 14th	Office Hours:	1445-1545
Class Days:	F	Office Phone #:	6280
Class Times:	0800 hrs-1110 hrs	Emergency Contact:	Please email prior to class
Units:	3		

Course Description

This course seeks to enable you to identify the historical sources of United States criminal laws; demonstrate knowledge of the United States Constitution and other key documents of the criminal justice system; analyze and explain criminal appellate cases; compare and contrast the classifications of criminal laws. Crimes against persons, property, and government will also be discussed. As the college catalogue suggests, a good command of English is important to success in this course because we will have to master the legal terminology which defines the legal system. Your success will be determined by testing and by an case study assignment as discussed below.

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 difference between criminal law and civil law*
- 2. Identify liability and how liability is determined*
- 3. Demonstrate understanding of various crime groups to include: Crimes against people crimes against property and crimes against the government*

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

1. Identify the historical sources of United States criminal laws.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the United States Constitution and other key documents of the criminal justice system.
3. Analyze and explain criminal appellate cases.
4. Compare and contrast the classifications of criminal law.

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 the test unless prior approval is given by the instructor. Tests will be twenty (20) 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 (1cover 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 500 points

Tests: 4 @ 50 points each 200 points

Chapter Questions 5 @ 10 points each 50 points

Class room participation: 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

- 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. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- 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.

Online Netiquette

[Required Information for web-enhanced, hybrid and online courses: Describe your policies regarding

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

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 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 "cite a source" correctly, 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 that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

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.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills 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. Please contact them 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.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

[Required Information – Discretionary Language and Formatting: The instructor will provide a tentative, provisional overview of the readings, assignments, tests, and/or other activities for the duration of the course. A table format may be useful for this purpose.]

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 August 23rd	Review syllabus Review Chapter 1: Criminal Law & Criminal Punishment: An Overview	
Week 2 August 30	Review Chapter 2: Constitutional Limits on Criminal Law	
Week 3 September 6th	Review Chapter 3: The General Principles of Criminal Liability: Actus Reus	Review Questions chapters 1-3
Week 4 September 13	Test Chapters 1-3 Review Chapter 4: The General Principles of Criminal Liability: Mens Rea, Concurrence, Causation and Ignorance and Mistake	
Week 5 September - 20th	Review Chapter 5: Defense to Criminal Liability: Justifications	
Week 6 September 27th	Review Chapter 6: Defense to Criminal Liability: Excuse	Review Questions chapters 4-6
Week 7 October 4th	Test Chapters 4-6 Review Chapter 7: Parties to Crime and Vicarious Liability	
Week 8 October 11th	Review Chapter 8: Inchoate Crimes: Attempt, Conspiracy, and Solicitation	
Week 9 October 18	Review Chapter 9: Crimes Against Persons I: Murder and Manslaughter	Review Questions chapters 7-9
Week 10 October 25th	Test Chapter 7-9 Review Chapter 10: Crimes Against Persons II: Criminal Sexual Conduct, Bodily Injury, and Personal Restraint	
Week 11 November 1st	Review Chapter 11: Crimes Against Property	
Week 12 November 8th	Review Chapter 12: Crimes Against Public Order and Morals	Review Questions chapters 10-12
Week 13 November 15th	No class due to Veterans Day!. Say thank you when you see a veteran.	

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 14 November 22nd	Test Chapters 10-12 Review Chapter 13: Crimes Against the State Review	
Week 15 November 29th	Chapter 14 No Classes, Thanksgiving Break	
Week 16 December 6th	Review Chapter 15	Review Questions chapters 13-15 Term Paper
Week 17 December 13th	Final	

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****