

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2023	Instructor Name:	Kathy Rodriguez
Course Title & #:	Concepts of Criminal Law AJ 102	Email:	Kathy.rodriguez@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10349	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	online	Office #:	RM 3209
Class Dates:	08/14/23-12/09/23	Office Hours:	Office Hours: T/R 12:45 pm – 1:15pm M/W (Online) 4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Class Days:	Online	Office Phone #:	760-355-6245
Class Times:	Online	Emergency Contact:	700-355-6280 Rhonda Ruiz
Units:	3	Class Format:	Online

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 persons, 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 student 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 statute.
5. Demonstrate basic knowledge and application of specific criminal violations.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Criminal Law Today, 7th 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

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 instructional methods will include power points, discussions, chapter reviews, quizzes, and tests.

What if I need to borrow technology or access to WIFI?

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>
2. If you'd like access the WIFI at the IVC campus, you can park in parking lots "I & J". Students must log into the IVC student WIFI by using their IVC email and password. The parking lots will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines for using parking WIFI:

- Park in every other space (empty space BETWEEN vehicles)
- Must have facemask available
- For best reception park near buildings
- Only park at marked student spaces
- Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled parking spaces
- Only members of the same household in each vehicle

- Occupants **MUST** remain in vehicles
- Restrooms and other on-campus services not available
- College campus safety will monitor the parking lot
- Student code of conduct and all other parking guidelines are in effect
- Please do not leave any trash behind

If you have any questions about using parking WIFI, please call Student Affairs at 760- 355-Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Assignment Descriptors	Points
1. Discussion/Reviews	400 (20)
2. Quiz	100 (10)
3. Exams	200 (4)
4. Final Exam	200(1)
TOTAL POINTS	900

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

PLEASE NOTE: Assignments are due on the date stated on the syllabus. No late assignments accepted. Make every effort to turn in assignments on time or you may receive a zero for those assignments. For class presentations,

students who are not present for both days of the assignment preparation will receive half credit for the assignment. No late assignments will be accepted.

There are no make-up exams.

Course Policies

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 or week 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 the first week and two consecutive weeks from Week 2 on 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. 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.
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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.

Logging onto Canvas alone is NOT adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.

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 Drinks 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, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Other Course Information

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 importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

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 as 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.

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.

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.

- **[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.

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.

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 in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodation.

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 and El Centro Regional Center provide essential health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6310 in Room 2109 for more information.
- **[Mental Health Counseling Services](#)**. Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

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

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 08/14 – 08/20	Syllabus & Introduction Chapter 1- The Nature and History of Criminal Law	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 2 08/21 – 08/27	Chapter 2- Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 3 08/28 – 09/03	Chapter 3- Expanding the Concept of Crime	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test
Week 4 09/04 – 09/10	Chapter 4- Extending Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses and Parties to Crime	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 5 09/11 – 09/17	Chapter 5- Justifications as Defenses	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 6 09/18 – 09/24	Chapter 6 – Defenses: Excuses and Insanity	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test
Week 7 09/25 – 10/01	Chapter 7- Crimes against Persons: Homicide	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 8 10/02 – 10/08	Chapter 8 – Crimes against persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, and Other Crimes	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 9 10/09 – 10/15	Chapter 9 – Property and Computer Crimes	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test

Week 10 10/16 – 10/22	Chapter 10- Offenses against Public Order and the Administration of Justice	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 11 10/23 – 10/29	Chapter 11 – Offenses Against Public Morality	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 12 10/30 – 11/05	Chapter 12 – Terrorism and Human Trafficking	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Test
Week 13 11/06 – 11/12	Chapter 13 – Victims and the Law	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Week 14 11/13 – 11/19	Chapter 14 – Punishment and Sentencing	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment /Quiz
Thanksgiving Break 11/20 – 11/26	No Class	No Class
Week 15 11/27 – 12/03	Chapter 14 – Punishment and Sentencing	Chapter reading Discussion/Assignment
Week 16 12/04 – 12/09	Final Exam ***Subject to change without prior notice***	Final Exam