



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2024	Instructor Name:	James Vooris
Course Title & #:	AJ 102 - Concepts of Criminal Law	Email:	James.vooris@imperial.edu
CRN #:	21098	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	3211	Office #:	
Class Dates:	2/12/24 – 06/07/24	Office Hours:	
Class Days:	Monday / Wednesday	Office Phone #:	760-355-6280
Class Times:	6:00 pm – 7:25 Pm	Emergency Contact:	Rhonda Ruiz
Units:	3.0	Class Format/Modality:	

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. (C-ID: AJ 120) (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:

1. Identify the 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.

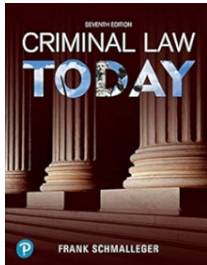
Course Objectives

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

Textbook: *Criminal Law Today* 7th Edition - Frank Schmalleger Emeritus, University of North Carolina
Pearson Publishing [ISBN-13: 9780135970386]



Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

A variety of teaching strategies may be utilized in this course, including but not limited to: lecture, discussion, written classroom exercises, group and/or individual projects, videos, quizzes, exams, reading assignments, writing assignments, interactive exercises and Internet research.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Class Activities, Quizzes, Tests (Mid-term/Final exam).

How much you learn in the course, as well as your final grade depends on your effort that you put forth. Reading the assigned sections, and completing the assignments will be imperative. No makeup to quizzes or in-class assignments will be given outside extenuating circumstances with appropriate documentation.

Possible Points for Final Grade

Attendance/Participation = 100 points

Quizzes = 100 points (4 quizzes at 25 points each)

Assignments = 100 points

Midterm Exam = 100 points

Final Exam = 100 points

Total = 500 points

90 – 100% = A

80 – 89% = B

70 – 79% = C

60 – 69% = D

Less than 60% = F

Assignments may be in-class assignments or take home assignments. As indicated there will be no make ups for missed in-class assignments without extenuating circumstances with appropriate documentation. Any assignments submitted late will receive ½ credit, if the assignment is turned in within a week of the due date. Any assignment that is not turned in within a week of the due date will receive no points.



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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.

Course Policies

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of the class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of the 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 the 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.

Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be 'excused' absences given that notice is given in advance of the event.

Cell phones and electronic devices must be silenced and put away during the class unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Food and drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception.

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.

All students are expected to comply with the rules of academic honesty. Academic dishonesty may include, but is not limited to plagiarism and cheating. Plagiarism is the taking of another's work and passing it off as your own. Cheating is the act of 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 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 or plagiarizing 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.

Other Course Information

No other course information.



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.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 February 12 & 14	Syllabus Review & Introduction Chapter 1: The Nature and History of Criminal Law	
Week 2 February 19 & 21	February 19 – No Class (Washington Day Observed) Chapter 2: Criminal Liability and the Essence of Crime	
Week 3 February 26 & 28	Chapter 3: Expanding the Concept of Crime	
Week 4 March 4 & 6	Quiz #1: Chapters 1-3 Chapter 4: Expanding Criminal Liability: Inchoate Offenses	Quiz: 3/4
Week 5 March 11 & 13	Chapter 5: Justifications and Defenses	
Week 6 March 18 & 20	Chapter 6: Excuses and Insanity Quiz #2: Chapters 4-6	Quiz: 3/20
Week 7 March 25 & 27	Midterm Exam: Chapters 1-6 Chapter 7: Crimes against Persons: Homicide	Midterm: 3/25
Week 8 April 8 & 10	Chapter 8: Crimes against Persons: Assault, Sex Offenses, & Other Crimes	
April 1 – April 6 Spring Recess		
Week 9 April 15 & 17	Chapter 9: Property and Computer Crimes	
Week 10 April 22 & 24	Quiz #3: Chapters 7-9 Chapter 10: Offenses against Public Order & the Administration of Justice	Quiz: 4/22
Week 11 April 29 & May 1	Chapter 11: Offenses against Public Morality	
Week 12 May 6 & 8	Chapter 12: Terrorism and Human Trafficking	
Week 13 May 13 & 15	Quiz #4: Chapters 10- 12 Chapter 13: Victims and the Law	Quiz: 5/13
Week 14 May 20 & 22	Chapter 14: Punishment and Sentencing	
Week 15 May 27 & 29	May 27 – No Class (Memorial Day) Class Assignment	
Week 16 June 3 & 5	Review and Final Exam	Final: 6/5

Subject to change without prior notice