

SYLLABUS  
Administration of Justice

Administration of Justice (2) Concepts of Criminal Law

Section: 3008 Fall 2012

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Classes Begin 08/27/2012, Classes End 12/08

09/07/2012 Last date to drop w/refund: and no "W" (In Person)

09/09/2012 Last date to drop w/o receiving "W" with refund. (Internet)

09/10/2012 Last date to drop without incurring fees, or with refund. (In person, or Internet)

09/16/2012 Last date to drop with a "W" (In Person) 09/18 (Internet)

DESCRIPTION:

Historical development, philosophy of the law and constitutional provisions; definitions; classifications of crimes and their elements, legal research, review of case law, methodology and concepts of law as a social force. This course explores the different types of crimes and their historical significance. After completing the course, students should have a good comprehension of the origins of criminal law and its historical impact on government.

Student Learning Outcomes: (1). Describe the sources and development of criminal law. (2). Differentiate between the different categories of criminal law statutes in California. (3). Analyze a situation and identify the appropriate criminal code and its elements.

TEXTBOOK: Payton, George and Guffey, James: "Concepts of California Criminal Law" 12<sup>th</sup> edition.

Attendance: Regular attendance is one way to satisfy the course requirements for participation. Attendance will be taken at each class session. Excessive absences may result in being dropped from the class, or grade reduction. Students will be responsible to make up missing lectures and discussions by contacting another student and obtaining the necessary notes.

Cell Phones and electronic devices: All electronic devices will be turned off during class session. RECORDING DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED WITHOUT EXPRESS PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR.

Cheating: Plagiarism, and any forms of cheating is not permitted. Refer to the college catalog concerning these issues.

GRADING:

Brief (for Mid Term)	100pts
Final Exam	100pts
Attendance and class participation	25pts
Quizzes (Pop Quizzes will be given without prior notification)	100pts
Total	325 pts

Extra credits see the instructor.

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100-90%= A

89-80%= B

79-70=% C

60-60=% D

below 59%= F

Note: There is a total of 325 points possible for this class. To calculate your grade, add up the total points and divide by 325.

There will be no makeup exams unless there was an extreme emergency.

The grading will compiled and based on the class average.

## BRIEF

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Purpose: To familiarize the student in researching areas of criminal law, Supreme Court decisions in criminal law, and communicate those decisions orally and in a written court brief.

Students will be required to research a Supreme Court Case and present the case in writing and orally to the class. The brief will be conducted on research of a Supreme Court Case that will be assigned to each student by the instructor.

Students will be required to follow the Brief Exemplar that will be handed out in one of the class sessions. The brief should be double spaced, 10 or 12 size font and Arial style characters using Microsoft Word. The brief should be a minimum of 2 pages and maximum of 4 pages in length and will require each student to do computerized research and produce a copy of the actual case. The oral and written presentation of the Brief will be due on: 11/05/2012. (Brief is in lieu of Mid-Term Exam)

If you are a student with a disability and require classroom accommodations, please see me to discuss arrangements. You may also contact the DSP&S Office in I-1018 (phone # 818-364-7732/TTD #818-364-7861) and bring a letter stating the accommodations that you require.

Welcome to AJ-2! So, let's all have an exciting fall class and enjoy this semester.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic
08/27	Introduction to the course (Class Begins)
09/03	Labor Day Holiday
09/10	History of Criminal Law
09/17	Constitutional Law and Provisions of Administrative Law
09/24	Legal Research and Methodology
10/01	General Aspects of Criminal Law
10/08	Classification of Offenses and Punishment
10/15	Components Needed For a Criminal Offense
10/22	Parties to Criminal Acts (Brief and Case Assignments)
10/29	Inchoate Offenses
11/05	Defenses against Criminal Prosecution Briefs Due (Midterm)
11/12	Veterans Day (Holiday)
11/19	Common Crimes, and Their Elements.
11/26	Tactile Kinetic (Hands on exercises on Elements)
12/03	Review, and Title 15 and Corrections
12/10	Final Examination in classroom, 8:00Pm - !0:00PM