

Administration of Justice 2

Concepts of Criminal Law

Spring Semester 2014 Syllabus

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# Student Notes:

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Course Day and Time: Wednesday, 3:30 to 6:40 pm  
Section 3104

Location: Instructional Building, (INST) #2004

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Add & Drop Classes:

Deadline to ADD full term classes.....February 21  
Last day to receive a refund.....February 23  
Last day to DROP classes, without a "W" .....February 23  
Drop classes with a "W"  
A letter grade is required after this date forward.....May 11

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Textbook and Materials:

*Concepts of California Criminal Law*, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2013, Payton and Guffey, Criminal Justice Publications (ISBN: 9780615856438)

*Helter Skelter*, 1974 with 1994 Afterword, Bugliosi and Gentry, W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. (ISBN 0-393-32223-8)

Supplemental materials will be handed out throughout the semester.

### Course Description:

The study of administration of justice involves the knowledge of law enforcement, the courts (including the juvenile justice system), and corrections & punishments. This course provides an in depth analysis of all of these areas, with an emphasis on historical and contemporary issues.

The study of US/California Constitutional Amendments; criminal law and procedure, case law (court rendered opinions interpreting the law), and issues in law enforcement are central to the class. Next, the "adversarial system" (courts and prosecution of individuals charged with crimes) will be covered. Last, the system of corrections and punishment will be studied.

"HOW" the criminal law operates on society, and individual rights are emphasized in the class. You will develop an analytical and legal method of thinking to assist you in issues related to criminal law and procedure.

### 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

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) are the minimum goals to be achieved in the course. Your initiative and resources and attitude toward learning this subject matter will fulfill and exceed the SLO's....

GRADING:

Class participation and discussion.....	25%
Chapter & Lecture Quizzes.....	25%
Midterm.....	25%
Final.....	25%
Extra Credit (Written Report).....	25 to 50%*

\*The exact type of extra credit report will be arranged between the student and the instructor.

Plagiarism and "Cheating"

Real simple: NOT tolerated by the Los Angeles Community College District, and LA Mission College—see catalog. Dishonesty, any act of cheating, or misuse of other sources without proper credit or authorization is forbidden.

ADA or Other Student Concerns:

Please inform me if you have any special needs, challenges, or disabilities (physical, psychological, learning, or otherwise) that may affect your academic performance. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations, please contact the Disabled Students Programs (DSP&S)

[phone](#) number 818-964-7732 or TDD 818-364-7861 to discuss the steps you will need to take to arrange for classroom accommodations . You may also email DSPS at [gonzala@lamission.edu](mailto:gonzala@lamission.edu) (Adrian Gonzalez) DSSPS office provides special assistance in areas like: registering for [courses](#), specialized tutoring, note-taking, mobility assistance, special instruction, testing assistance, special equipment, special materials, and the like.

### Additional Information:

The College District, and more specifically LA Mission College strictly prohibits contraband, weapons, or disruptive behavior in class. If you are a sworn member of law enforcement, or are authorized to carry a concealed weapon on campus, please notify me.

\*Please turn cell phones to vibrate, or mute the sound, while in class. No talking or texting is allowed during class time.

# Class Calendar

Week #1 February 12

Introduction and Orientation

Week #2 February 19

Chapter VI

Week #3 February 26

Chapter X

Week #4 March 5

Chapter II

Week #5 March 12

Chapter VII

Week #6 March 19

Chapter VIII

Week #7 March 26

Chapter V

Week #8 April 2

Midterm

Week #9 April 9

No Class—Spring Break

Week #10 April 16

Chapter III

Week #11 April 23

Chapter IV

Week #13 April 30

Chapter IX

Week #14 May 7

Chapter XI

Week #15 May 14

## Chapter XII

Week #16 May 21

Field Trip to LAPD

Week #17 May 28

Final Review

Week #18 June 4

Final Exam, 5:30 to 7:30pm, INST Room #2004

### Last Words:

Syllabus is subject to change given circumstances. I will notify you of any modifications or alterations throughout the semester.

AJ 2 is a core class, meaning it's the pivotal class in order to proceed further in administration of justice, police science, or law. I hope you enjoy the class, and "Let's Have Some Fun" in the process. This subject matter is the most relevant to you as an individual and as a member of society

Good Luck, and let the learning begin...