SYLLABUS
Administration of Justice

Administration of Justice (2) Concepts of Criminal Law
Section: 3105, Spring 2014
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Classes Begin 02/10/2014
Last date to drop w/refund: 02/23/2014 (Internet)
Last date to drop without receiving a "W" 02/23/2014(Internet)
Last date to drop with a "W" 05/11/2014

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" 13th 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	50 pts
Quizzes (Pop Quizzes will be given without prior notification)	50 pts
Total	300 pts

Extra credits see the instructor.

100-90%= A 89-80%= B 79-70=% C 60-60=% D below 59%= F

Note: There is a total of 300 points possible for this class. To calculate your grade, add up the total points and divide by 300.
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: 04/14/2014. (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.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic
02/10	Introduction to the course
02/17	Presidents Day No Classes
02/24	Constitutional Law
03/03	Aspects and Development of Criminal Law
03/10	Laws of Arrest
03/17	Legal Research and Development (Brief Assignment)
03/24	General Aspects of Criminal Law

03/31	Cesar Chavez Day, No Classes
04/07	Spring Break, No Classes
04/14	Briefs Due (Lieu of Mid-Term)
04/21	Parties To Criminal Acts
04/28	Inchoate Offenses
05/05	Defenses Against Criminal Prosecution
05/12	Tactile Kinetic (Hands on exercises on crimes)
05/19	Common Crimes and the Elements
05/26	Memorial Day No Classes
06/02	Review
06/09	Final Exam Room I-2001

Note: There may be classes scheduled for Library LRC 234 to afford students the use of computer lab for Legal Research and Exercises. These dates will be posted after the first session of class.