



AJ 014: CRIMINAL LAW 1

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Effective Term:

Fall 2021

Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:

AJ - Administration of Justice

Course Number:

014

Catalog Title

Criminal Law 1

Catalog Description

This course offers an analysis of the doctrines of criminal liability in the United States and the classification of crimes against persons, property, morals, and public welfare. Special emphasis is placed on the classification of crime, the general elements of crimes, the definitions of common and statutory law, and the nature of acceptable evidence.

Method of Instruction:

Distance Education
Lecture and/or Discussion

Course Units/Hours:**Course Units Minimum:**

3

Lecture Hours Minimum (week)

3

Lab Hours Minimum (week)

0

Activity Hours Minimum (week)

0

Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)

52.5

Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)

105

Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)

157.5

Repeatability:

No

Open Entry/Exit:

No

Field Trips:

Not Required

Grade Mode:

Standard Letter

TOP Code:

210500 - * Administration of Justice

SAM Code:

C - Clearly Occupational

Course Content

Methods of Assessment:

Essay quizzes or exams
Multiple choice tests
Oral presentations
Short answer quizzes or exams

Course Topics:

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1	HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF CRIMINAL LAW
2	FUNDAMENTALS OF THE ADVERSARIAL SYSTEM
3	CRIMINAL LAW CLASSIFICATIONS
4	OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS, PROPERTY, MORALS, AND PUBLIC WELFARE
5	CRIMINAL DEFENSES AND JUSTIFICATIONS
6	CRIMINAL LIABILITY
7	SOURCES OF CRIMINAL LAW
8	REQUIREMENT OF AN ACT
9	HOMICIDE
10	INCHOATE OR ANTICIPATORY CRIMES
11	SEX CRIMES
12	CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
13	ROBBERY, EXTORTION, AND BRIBERY
14	THEFT AND PROPERTY CRIMES
15	CRIMES AGAINST HABITATION
16	CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS
17	NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL CRIMES
18	CRIMES OF ABUSE
19	PUNISHMENTS

Course Objectives:

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1	Discuss the goals and characteristics of criminal law
2	Explain the adversary system and sources of criminal law
3	Discuss the philosophical and historical evolution of criminal law, noting the role of the judiciary in its development
4	Know the basic terminology, definitions, and theories of criminal law
5	Identify elements of offenses against the person, property, morals, and public welfare
6	Classify crimes according to severity
7	Explain the concept of lesser included offenses

8	Explain capacity to commit crime, causation, and culpability
9	Critically analyze various components of our system of criminal law
10	Explain and discuss criminal defenses, legal justifications, and burdens of proof.

Course Outcomes:

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1	Students will be able to define Probable Cause and Reasonable Suspicion, comparing and contrasting each, and explaining how they apply to law enforcement/citizen interaction.
2	Students will identify the Classifications of Crime: Felony, Misdemeanor and Infraction, and assign a California crime for each classification.
3	Students will be able to define Mens Rea, and Actus Reus, and explain their applicability to the states prosecution of a criminal act.
4	Students will define what an element of a crime is, and how it relates to the filing of a criminal complaint.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read the assigned chapter, and answering at least two of the chapter review questions. - Read the assigned chapter and completing a short chapter quiz each week. - Read the assigned chapter(s) each week in preparation for classroom discussion.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are required to identify at least one current course related criminal justice issue that is in the news (print or electronic), and write a one to two page observation paper, relating course content to their response. - Students are required to prepare written documents (outline, resources and expert interview information) in support of their chosen presentation topic.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are expected to read the assigned chapter(s) each week in preparation for classroom participation. - Students are required to read the assigned chapter(s), and define key terms associated with the content of each chapter. - Students are expected to do research work and otherwise prepare for their respective presentations as required for this course.

Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	Wallace & Pearson. Principles of Criminal Law , 6th ed. Pearson, 2016, ISBN: 978-0-135121580

Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved

CSU General Education

Transferable to CSU

This course will also be proposed for UC transfer.

Yes

Transferable to UC

Yes - Approved

UC/IGETC General Education

Transferable to UC

Other Degree Attributes

Degree Applicable

Not a Basic Skills Course



Distance Learning Addendum

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Banner Title:

Criminal Law 1

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

10/23/2020

Academic Senate Approval Date:

12/09/2020

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