

AJ 115: CRIMINAL LAW 2

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Effective Term:

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Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:

AJ - Administration of Justice

Course Number:

115

Catalog Title

Criminal Law 2

Catalog Description

An in-depth study of criminal law and criminal procedures commonly associated with California state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies. The course provides a complex analysis of both state law, as created by the legislature, and case law as defined in state and federal appellate court decisions, while focusing on established criminal justice procedures.

Prerequisites

AJ 011 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C

Validation**Validation Type**

Sequential - Same Discipline

Course

AJ 011

Complete the Prerequisite/Corequisite Objectives and provide sound quantitative research to document the need for the requisite.

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
Written essays or extended papers

Course Topics:

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1	Brief History of criminal law - Philosophical and historical development - The concept of stare decisis (precedent law) - Pre-emption - Mala in se versus mala prohibita crimes - Victimless crimes - Federal Constitutional provisions - Police power - Substantive v. procedural law
2	The Inchoate Offenses - Solicitation - Conspiracy - Attempts
3	The appeals process
4	The trial process
5	Legal Research - Use of legal research - Orientation to research (cases/laws) - Writing case briefs - Use of the law library
6	Introduction to Search and Seizure
7	Basic Laws of Arrest
8	Defenses against criminal prosecution - Not legally capable (CPC 26) - Former jeopardy - Consent - Immunity - Insanity - Entrapment - Statutes of limitations - Self defense - The feigned accomplice - Other defenses
9	Parties of Criminal Acts - Principles - Accessories - Accomplice
10	Components needed for a criminal offense (Elements of crime) - Actus Reus (Act) - Men Rea (Intent) - Joint Union of Act and Intent - Types of intent
11	Classification of Offenses and Punishment - Felonies - Misdemeanors - Wobblers - Infractions
12	General aspects of criminal law - Adversary system in American law - Rules governing the language and construction of penal statutes - Purpose of criminal law - The meaning of terms used in Penal Code statutes

13	Constitutional Law in the U.S. and the making of law
14	Federal and State Judicial Systems

Course Objectives:

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1	Identify and explain the genesis, progression and scope and source of criminal justice procedures.
2	identify and explain those criminal laws and related procedures that are directly or indirectly associated with the apprehension and arrest of violators of the law.
3	identify and explain the constitutional nexus relating to criminal justicelaw and procedure.
4	compare and contrast criminal law and procedural law.
5	compare and contrast state and federal criminal justice systems.
6	identify and explain procedural law from arrest to incarceration.
7	identify and explain established criminal justice procedures associated with criminal investigations, arrest, related judicial proceedings and incarceration.

Course Outcomes:

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1	Criminal Statute - Given a specific crime scenario, students will be able to identify and apply the appropriate criminal statute
2	Elements of Criminal Statutes - Students will be able to identify the elements of various criminal statutes
3	Origin and Sources of Criminal Law - Students will be able to discuss the scope and source of criminal justice that focuses on the origins and sources of criminal law, classifications of crime and criminal law definitions.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Reading assignments typically associated with this particular course of instruction may include but are not limited to: -Students are required to read the assigned chapter and answer at least two of the chapter review questions. -Students are required to read the assigned chapter and complete a short chapter quiz each week. -Students are expected to read the assigned chapter(s) each week in preparation for classroom discussion.
Writing	Writing assignments typically associated with this particular course of instruction may include but are not limited to: -Students are required to identify at least one current course specific 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 maintain a journal as it relates to the topic instructed in class (reflection) and to make entries during the week that relate to events in the news that are related to criminal Law and procedures. -Students are required to prepare written documents (outline, test questions, resources and expert interview information) in support of their chosen presentation assignment. -Students are required to choose a particular topic that is related to the course of study (prior approval required) and then write a five-page paper regarding the chosen topic.
Homework	Homework assignments typically associated with this particular course of instruction may include but are not limited to: -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. -Students are assigned a research project that directly relates to the topic of criminal law and procedures.

Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	California Criminal Law Concepts Hunt and Rutledge Pearson Custom Publishing 19th Edition 2018 1269149202 -
Web/Other	California Criminal Law Concepts



Equity Review:

Yes

Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved

CSU General Education

Transferable to CSU

This course will also be proposed for UC transfer.

No

Other Degree Attributes

Degree Applicable

Not a Basic Skills Course

Distance Learning Addendum

DLA-Approved-May-13-2020 Used for 2022 Course Updates.pdf

Banner Title:

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