Administrations of Justice

Concepts of Criminal Law

Spring 2014 Section 8095  (UC:CSU) 3 Unit(s)

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California Criminal Law Concepts, 2013 Edition
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Course Description: This course details the philosophy of California Criminal Law; overview English common law, with a special emphasis on California Penal Code mostly used by law enforcement. Organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal. Penal Code elements, definitions, substantive law and other criminal statutes.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Contrast the relationship between the U.S. and California Constitutions
- Compare the relationship among the Bill of Rights, Constitutional, Statutory, and Case Law
- Differentiate between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law
- Differentiate between substantive law ad procedural law
- Identify the types of criminal intent criminal negligence
- Distinguish between motive and intent
- Identify the defenses against criminal liability
- Identify the punishments for criminal activity
- The primary sources of law, English Common Law, United States and California

There will be a variety of assignments for this course to accommodate different learning styles. All assignments must be well written, and they will be graded on composition as well as content. All assignment must be turn in via ETUDES and you will need access to a computer with Internet service. Computers are available in the campus library (HLRC) and computer lab with connection to the Internet are reasonably accessible, and available on campus.

Participation: Each student has the responsibility to participate each and every class discussion. The instructor takes no responsibility for conveying information to students who are not in attendance or participating. Field trips may be required. Note the following:
Ensuring all assignments will be turned into the instructor on time.
Completing weekly reading assignments.
Completing weekly discussion questions daily
Completing other assignments as assigned.
Completing weekly quizzes

**Assigned Reading:** Students will be expected to read each of the reading assignments assigned per week. Chapters should be read before the start of each week, there will be a chapter quiz each week.

**Discussion Assignments:** Weekly discussion assignments must be posted in the discussion. I will not accept these via email. Discussions must be posted in the correct thread i.e., week one discussion question in week one discussion classroom thread in order to be scored. Postings placed in the wrong discussion room thread will not be graded and will not be scored. No Late discussion postings after due date and times. Your grade will be based on your substantive context and collaboration with the class in the discussion. You must respond to the discussion question and two or more of your classmates posting per discussion question to receive full credit. Posting all on the same day does not meet the participation requirements.

**Exams:** Course exams will provide opportunities for students to show their individual mastery of the material. We will cover one chapter each week, then have a weekly quiz on the current chapter, 10 questions from the chapter. **Use course material and chapter readings to prepare for weekly quizzes.**

Each quiz and exam is made up of questions taken from the textbook. The quiz will be available starting on Friday and must be completed by Sunday at 11:55pm of the same week. Once you start the quiz you will have 10 minutes to complete. Exams are not reviewable and no retakes.

**Group Project:** The purpose of this project is to develop problem solving and decision making skills in interpersonal contexts. Field trips maybe required.

**Extra Credit (EC):** Class extra credit will be at the discretion of the instructor based on class assessments and opportunity during the term.

**Plagiarism:** Written work that you hand in is assumed to be original unless your source material is documented appropriately as per MLA or APA. Using the ideas or words of another person, even a peer, or a web site, as if it were your own, is plagiarism. Cheating and plagiarism are serious academic offenses. Students should read the section on cheating and plagiarism found in the WLAC catalog. A student who is dishonest in this respect will be excluded from the course

**Attendance:** Student(s) who fail to participate in the classroom during a course week will be deemed absent for that week. The absence will be annotated as absent unexcused (AU), unless the instructor has been informed beforehand and deemed the absence as absent excused (AE). A student who has not participated for three (3) consecutive days regardless if the absences were deemed AU or AE may be recommended for administrative withdrawal to the main campus. Emails sent to the instructor during a "course week" without actual classroom participation will not count as classroom participation or
attendance.

Make-up Policy: No assignment or exam will be accepted after the indicated due date and time. No early or make-up assignments or exams. Time management

Withdrawal Policy: It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from classes. Instructors have no obligation to withdraw students who do not attend courses. Please read withdrawal policy, which can be found at: www.wlac.edu

Grading: Each assignment, quiz, exam or project will have a point count so you will know how it adds to your final grade. Check the grade book for your points. In order to calculate your grade, add up the total points you received and divide that by total points possible.
A=100-90%  B= 89-80%  C= 79-70%  D= 69-60%  F= 59- 0%

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Syllabus Change Policy: This syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change. Recording of lectures and discussions will not be permitted without the prior written consent of the instructor. If you violate this recording policy you will be subject to a civil law complaint. If you can’t follow this guide it is suggested that you drop this course.

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4: Capacity to Commit Crime-Insanity Defense

5: Parties to a Crime

6: Attempts, Solicitation, Obstructing Justice, Conspiracy

7: Laws of Arrest

8: Offenses against the Public Peace

9: Dangerous Weapons Control Laws

10: Types of Assault

11: Homicide

12: False Imprisonment, Restraint crimes, Kidnapping, Child Abduction, Rape, Unlawful Sexual Intercourse

13: Public Safety and Morals

14: Burglary

15: Robbery and Extortion

16: Theft and Embezzlement

17: Controlled Substance and Alcohol Abuse Crimes

18: Miscellaneous Offenses

Review

Final Exam Chapters 15-18