

Concepts of Criminal Law

College: WEST

Semester: Spring 2014

Section: 3136 ADM JUS 002

UC/CSU 3.00

Instructor: Lieutenant Ron Williams (williamsr12@ca.rr.com)

Class Meets Mon, 6:45 p.m - 10:00 p.m., Room GC 430

Office Hours 6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. / Room 430

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SESSION PERIOD	Feb 10 - Jun 9
M-F CLASSES Begin	Feb 10
LAST DAY TO	
Add/Audit Traditional Classes	Online: Feb 9 In-person: Feb 21
Drop a Class with a refund/no fee owed	Feb 21
Drop a Class w/o a "W"	Feb 21
Drop w/ a W	May 9
File Pass / No Pass	Feb 21
GRADUATION PETITION ACCEPTED	Nov 18 - Apr 25
GRADUATION CEREMONY	Tues, June 10
CAMPUS CLOSED	Presidents' Day: Feb 14 - 17 Cesar Chavez Day: March 31 Spring Break: Apr 7 - 13 Memorial Day: May 26 Non Instruction Day May 27
<i>NOTE: Short-term courses and other accelerated program classes have different deadlines. Please check with your instructor.</i>	

Course Description:

This course covers the basic principle of the English common law with a special emphasis on sections of the California Penal Code most frequently used by police officers. Topics will include the elements of the major crimes and the substantive law.

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Student Learning Outcomes:

See the addendum for Student Learning Objectives (SLO)

Course Requirements and Grading:

Reading assignments listed in this syllabus are to be completed before the class session for which they are assigned. Students should come to class prepared to participate in classroom discussions.

Midterm	65 pts
Term Paper	35 pts
Final	100 pts

Total Semester points = 200

180- 200 = A

160- 179 = B

140- 159 = C

120- 139 = D

0- 119 = F

Examinations and Class Project:

There will be a midterm, a final examination, and a term paper. The term paper will be discussed and written instructions will be provided by class instructor. Both the midterm and final will cover lecture (PowerPoint) material. The format for the exams will be multiple choice, true/false, and short answer.

Mar. 24 Midterm Exam begins 7:00 p.m. SHARP! (Scantron and Blue Book required)

Jun 9 Final Exam begins 7:00 p.m. SHARP! Scantron and Blue Book

NO make-up final exam!!!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>	
02/10	Lecture	Course Intro/ Scope and Source of Criminal Law Ch. 1
02/17	No Class	President's Day
02/24	Lecture	Classification of Crimes and Penalties Ch 2.
03/03	Lecture	Elements of Crime and Corpus Delicti Ch. 3
03/10	Lecture	Capacity to Commit Crime – Insanity Defense Ch 4.
03/17	Lecture	Parties to Crime Ch 5; Mid-term Review
03/24	Lecture	Mid-Term
03/31	No Class	Cesar Chavez Day
04/07	No Class	Spring Break
04/14	Lecture	Attempts, Solicitation, Obstructing Justice Ch. 6
04/21	Lecture	Laws of Arrest Ch. 7
04/28	Lecture	Types of Assault Ch. 10; Homicides 11
05/05	Lecture	Burglary, Robbery and Extortion Ch. 14, & 15
05/12	Lecture	Offenses Against the Public Peace, and Public Safety and Morals Ch. 8 & 13
05/19	Lecture	False Imprisonment-Restraint Crimes Ch 12
05/26	No Class	Memorial Day
06/02	<i>Review</i>	<i>Final Exam Review</i>
06/09	Final Exam	Comprehensive Exam

* **Students in need of accommodations should contact the instructor in person or via email.**