

ADM-Justice 2 Sumer 2014



Administration of Justice

West Los Angeles College

Department of Administration of Justice

ADM-Justice 2: California Concepts of Criminal Law

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Section: 0134 (UC -CSU) 3 unit

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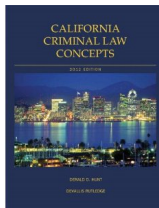
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Required Text:

California Criminal Law Concepts, 2013 Edition or 2014 Edition
Derald D. Hunt and Devallis Rutledge

Course Description: This course details the philosophy of law enforcement; overview of crime and police problems; organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal. This course deals with the structure, definitions and the most frequently used sections of the penal code 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 and procedural law
- Identify the types of criminal intent and 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 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.

Exams: Course exams will provide opportunities for students to show their individual mastery of the material. We will cover one chapter per day, then have a quiz on the current chapter. Use course material and chapter readings to prepare for exams and quizzes.

Each quiz and exam is made up of questions taken from the textbook and lectures. Once you start the quiz you will have a time limit 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.

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%

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>
6 Weekly Discussion @ 10pts ea.	60
6 Exams @ 100pts ea.	600
Create a Law	100
Argumentative Essay	100
Public Official Letter	50

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.

Week	Chapter /Reading	Assignment / Exams
	Introduction	
1	1: Scope and Source of Criminal Law	Discussion Public Official Letter
	2: Classification of Crimes and Penalties	Exam

	3: The Elements of Crime and Corpus Delicti	
2	4: Capacity to Commit Crime- Insanity Defense	Discussion Draft a Law
	5: Parties to a Crime	Exam
	6: Attempts, Solicitation, Obstructing Justice, Conspiracy	
3	7: Laws of Arrest	Discussion
	8: Offenses against the Public Peace	Essay Exam
	9: Dangerous Weapons Control Laws	
4	10: Types of Assault	Discussion Essay
	11: Homicide	Exam
	12: False Imprisonment, Restraint crimes, Kidnapping, Child Abduction, Rape, Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	
5	13: Public Safety and Morals	Discussion
	14: Burglary	Essay
	15: Robbery and Extortion	Exam
6	16: Theft and Embezzlement	Discussion
	17: Controlled Substance and Alcohol Abuse Crimes	Exam
	18: Miscellaneous Offenses	Final Paper

