

Syllabus

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

SPRING 2013

Concepts of Criminal Law (AJ 102)

Mondays 6:30 PM-9:40PM – Room 203

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**Course Description:**

This course will cover the historical development of law and constitutional provisions; definitions and the classification of crime and their application to the system of administration of justice; legal research, study of case law, methodology, and concepts of law as a social force are presented. Crimes against persons, property, government, and organized crime are discussed.

**Required Textbook:**

Samaha, Joel **Criminal Law**, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition 2011

**Evaluation Methodology:**

Your grade in this course will be based on the accumulation of percentage points generated from the following:

Quizzes/Class Assignments	10%
Test 1	20%
Midterm	20%
Case Review	20%
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>30%</u>
100% of Final Grade	

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- **First Outcome:** Express an increased awareness of the legal principles of criminal law and its application.
- **Second Outcome:** Analyze criminal acts, their elements, parties to offenses, and application to the criminal justice system.
- **Third Outcome:** Demonstrate the elements of each law, identify the proper statute, and be able to determine which one is the correct law to use when charging someone.

**Grades will be based on the following percentages:**

90-100%	=	A
80-89%	=	B
70-79%	=	C
60-69%	=	D
0-59%	=	F

**Attendance:**

The IVC Student Catalog states that a student may be dropped from a course when their absences exceed the number of class hours which the class meets per week. **Instructor will NOT drop you. It is the student's responsibility to drop the class on their own.**

**Late Arrival to Class:**

Punctuality is important in law enforcement or any professional career. **All students are expected to be in class on time.** Class will begin **EXACTLY** at 6:30 PM. If you have a legitimate excuse and you know that you will be late to class you must contact me prior to the start of the class.

**Test Make-Up Policy:**

If a Class Assignment or Quiz is missed, NO MAKE-UPS ARE ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS

**If a Test or Final Exam is missed, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor PRIOR to the exam.** Make-ups MAY be given on a case by case basis. Exp: Death of an immediate family member or illness/injury (physician's note required, NO EXCEPTIONS)

**Special Needs:**

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor of the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) Office as soon as possible.

**Case Review:**

A case review paper on a criminal law topic will be written by the student and turned in on the assigned date/time. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated and can cause the student a failing grade in class or up to/including expulsion.

Class Schedule

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Class Assignment</b>
1. Class Assignment	1-14-2013	Intro. Chap 1
2. None	1-21-2013	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday- No Class <b>Chap 2 on your own</b>
3. Quiz	1-28-2013	Chap 3
3. Class Assignment	2-4-2013	Chap 4/Exam 1 Review
4. Class Assignment	2-11-2013	Exam 1
5. None	2-18-2013	President's Day Holiday-No Class <b>Chap 5 on your own</b>
6. Quiz	2-25-2013	Chap 6
7. Class Assignment	3-4-2013	Chap 7
8. Class Assignment	3-11-2013	Chap 8
9. Class Assignment	3-18-2013	Chap 9/ Midterm Review
10. Class Assignment	3-25-2013	Midterm
11. None	4-1-2013	Spring Vacation-No Class <b>Chap 10 on your own</b>
12. Quiz	4-8-2013	Chap 11
13. Class Assignment	4-15-2013	Chap 12
14. Class Assignment	4-22-2013	Chap 13
15. Class Assignment	4-29-2013	Term Papers Due/ Final Exam Review
16. Class Assignment	5-6-2013	Final Exam

**\*Please Note: ALL class assignments and test dates are subject to change without warning!**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Class Assignment</b>
1. Why are you in this class and what are your expectations?	8-20-2012	Intro. Chap 1
2. Learning style	8-27-2012	Chap 2/Term Paper Topic
3. None	9-3-2012	Labor Day Holiday - No Class Chap 3 on your own
3. Biography	9-10-2012	Chap 3/4
4. Quiz	9-17-2012	Chap 5
5. Quiz	9-24-2012	Test 1/Term Paper Status
6. Sgts test What's wrong with this picture?	10-1-2012	Chap 6
7. Word search	10-8-2012	Chap 7
8. Crossword	10-15-2012	Chap 8
9. Quiz	10-22-2012	Chap 9
10. Critique videos	10-29-2012	Test 2/Term Paper Status
11. Word search	11-5-2012	Chap 10
12. None	11-12-2012	Veterans Day Holiday- No Class Chap 11 on your own
13. Article review	11-19-2012	Chap 12-13
14. Quiz	11-26-2012	Chap 14-15/Review
15. Survey	12-3-2012	Final Exam/Term Papers Due