

CJ 223 **riminal** Law I

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Course Description:

Nature and origins of criminal law, general principles of criminal liability and defenses. Elements of various crimes such as persons, property, habitation, public order and morals.

Course Objectives:

This is an introductory course to help develop critical thinking skills regarding the regulation of behavior in society, the concept of justice, and handling of deviant behaviors defined as crimes.

Textbook- Required:

Walston-Dunham, Beth, Introduction to Law, Third Editioq

Recommended:

Myers and Pudlow, The Trial: A Procedural Description and Case Study

Attendance

Class attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is recognized that there are times when the student will not be able to attend class but unexcused absences from class will impact the student's grade (a deduction of 25 points). *To be an excused absence, the reason must be able to be verified and the student must contact the instructor prior to class.* A student will still receive a deduction of 10 points for an excused absence.

Students who miss an exam without contacting the instructor prior to the exam will not be able to make up the exam. A student may make prior arrangements to take an exam if the student knows he/she will miss an exam date.

Reading Assignments & Participation

Reading assignments should be completed prior to class. Students will be expected to take an active role in class discussions and lectures.

Course Evaluation

Examination 1 (Chapters 1 to 4)	50 points
Examination 2 (Chapters 8 to 10)	50 points
Examination 3 (Chapters 12 & 13)	50 points
Student Presentation	50 points
Written Paper (Minimum 5 pages)	50 points

Total points possible = 250 points

A = 225 - 250 points

B = 200 - 224 points

C = 175 - 199 points

D = 150 - 174 points

F = Less than 150 points

Examinations

There will be a total of three unit examinations covering the specific chapters as listed in the preceding pages. Each exam will have be worth a total of 50 points. While each exam will be slightly different, they will be similar in context. Each exam will consist of true, false, multiple choice and several short answer essay questions.

Student Presentation

Each student will be required to give a 5 to 10 minute presentation on a topic related to criminal law. Topics such as: precedent setting Supreme Court cases; Constitutional Amendment issues; presentation of criminal laws in other jurisdictions; the court system in the State of Hawaii or Federal Level; or the Election vs Appointment of Judges are all examples of topics which are acceptable.

This is a pass or fail assignment. Each student will be given a date and time to give their presentation. A student will receive a passing grade (50 points) based on the following: relevance to the topic of criminal law; presentation of facts and conclusions; the impact of the issue; and the knowledge of the subject matter.

Faper & Extra Credit Paper Requirements

Topic: Any subject related to criminal law. The topic you intend to write on must be submitted to the instructor by the third class session.

Length: Minimum of 5 pages of text. (Title page, table of contents, and bibliography are not considered part of the text.

Content: The paper should include the following:

1. Title page
2. Table of contents
3. Introduction
4. Text
5. Conclusions
6. Recommendations for the future
7. Bibliography (5 professional references)

Grading:

Papers will be graded using several criteria. Style, originality and knowledge of the subject matter and the relationship to the criminal justice system will be a major consideration. Incorrect usage of English grammar, format error, and technical errors will result in points being deducted from the paper.

Style requirement:

Use of the "author, year" or "in- text citation" format is required. This is known as American Psychological Association or American Sociological Association format and is the standard format in the Criminal Justice Program. Papers must be typed, minimum of 1 1/2" left margin, minimum 1" top, right and bottom margins, double spaced (except for title page, abstract, table of contents, extended quotes, and bibliography).

If you are not familiar with the APA or ASA format it is highly recommended that you consider obtaining the following texts:

**Published by the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.
The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Fourth Edition**

Diana Hacker. The Bedford Handbook for Writers, Fourth Edition

Extra Credit Project

Students will be able to do a written extra credit project worth 25 points. The project will be a minimum 5 page paper, on any subject (approved by the instructor) connected with criminal law. This extra credit paper is due on the final day of class.

Course Specialization:

During the course, students will be given presentations on Title 37, the Hawaii Penal Code from the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapters 707 to 712.

This course specialization will be solely for the students benefit to learn about the laws in the State of Hawaii. The purpose of this section of instruction is to allow the students the opportunity to see the practical application of the theories learned during the term and how they have been applied to a codified code of laws.

Students will not be tested on the information given to them about the Hawaii Penal Code.

Overview of Course

Wednesday, January 13, 1999

Introduction and overview of the Course

Chapter 1 - The Historical Basis and Current Structure of the American
Legal System

Wednesday, January 20, 1999

Chapter 2 - The Courts

Hawaii Revised Statutes - Chapter 707

Wednesday, January 27, 1999

Chapter 3 - Legislation

Chapter 4 - The Executive Branch and Administrative Authority

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Exam #1 - Chapters 1 to 4

Hawaii Revised Statutes - Chapter 708

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Chapter 8 - Property Law

Chapter 9 - Torts

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Chapter 10 - Law of Business

Hawaii Revised Statutes- Chapter 709

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Examination #2 - Chapters 8 to 10

Hawaii Revised Statutes- Chapter 710

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Chapter 12- Criminal Law

Hawaii Revised Statutes- Chapter 711

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Chapter 13- Criminal Procedure

Hawaii Revised Statutes- Chapter 712

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Final night for student presentations

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Examination #3- Chapter 12 & 13

Final Papers and Extra Credit Projects due

Term Paper Topic:

Extra Credit Topic: