

## **CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS**

**COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:** CI 151-Criminal Justice Systems.

**SEMESTER:** 2000 Fall semester. Main campus. Henry Hall 118.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Collin K. C. Lau, Assistant Professor

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**BIOGRAPHY:** Mr. Lau is a full-time Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice department at Chaminade University. He received a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Hawaii and a Juris Doctorate from the Richardson School of Law. Mr. Lau has worked as a law clerk for the Hawaii Supreme Court, a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, a Deputy Corporation Counsel and in the private practice of law. Mr. Lau also worked two terms as an Independent Counsel to the Oahu Grand Jury.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Overview of criminal justice systems, processes, and personnel. Roles and relationships of various law enforcement agencies, court systems, and corrections agencies.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- > be exposed to the basics of the American legal system,
- > be introduced to the structure of the American legal system,
- > understand the relationship between the various agencies within the criminal justice system,
- > be exposed to the philosophies and mechanics of criminal sentencing,
- > learn about the history of policing and issues related to police management.
- > understand how a criminal case is processed in the American justice system.

**REQUIRED** Schmallegger, Frank, *Criminal Justice Today*, (5th edition, 1999).

**TEXTBOOKS:**

**ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION:** Class participation is an expected and essential requirement of the course. A student's participation in each session is considered important to the learning process. Missing a session is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next session. A student's absence from or late arrivals to a session will impact the student's grade. In general, there is no make-up procedure for missed examinations or assignments. Students who have advanced knowledge that they will miss a session or deadline should contact the instructor to make arrangements to take the examination at another time. The decision to allow a make-up assignment under these circumstances rests with the instructor and will be made on a case-by-case basis. If a student did not have advanced notice that s/he would miss a session or assignment deadline, s/he must contact the instructor within 24 hours. A message may

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be left by the student on voice mail at any time. A student who misses a session or deadline and is allowed by the instructor to take do a make-up must be prepared to take it immediately (usually within 48 hours).

**READING ASSIGNMENTS:** All reading assignments must be completed prior to class or the student will not be prepared to participate meaningfully in class discussions. Classes are prepared on the assumption and expectation that the student has read the assigned materials and completed any required assignments. It is particularly important that assigned cases are read for presentation in the upcoming class.

**COURSE EVALUATIONS:** Final grades are based on the following factors:

MID-TERM EXAM ..... 100 Points  
FINAL EXAM ..... 150 Points  
CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ..... 100 Points

**GRADING:** A = 90% or more of the possible 350 total points. (315+)  
B = 80% or more of the possible 350 total points. (280+)  
C = 70% or more of the possible 350 total points. (245+)  
D = 60% or more of the possible 350 total points. (210+)  
F = less than 60% of the possible points. (<210)  
FA = failure due to excessive unexcused absences  
(7 or more under semester schedule).

Note: a grade calculated by the percentage of possible points may be reduced to the next lower grade in the event of excessive absences not amounting to a FA grade.

**DISCLAIMER:** This instructor reserves the right to make slight adjustments to this syllabus as may be necessitated by course developments or circumstances. Any adjustments will be announced to the class prior to the ending of the class.

End of syllabus.