



## CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

### COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: CRIMINAL JUSTICE 220

**DAY/HOUR:** Tuesdays/ Thursdays 8:00 -9:20 a.m.

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**BIOGRAPHY:** Mr. Lau is an Lecturer in the Criminology and 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.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Chaminade University offers its students an education in a collaborative **learning** environment that prepares them for life, work and service. Guided by its Catholic, Marianist and liberal arts educational traditions, Chaminade encourages the development of moral character and personal competencies, and the commitment to build a just and peaceful society.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Crime scene investigation. Collection and preservation of evidence. Admissibility of **evidence, interrogations, Ed confessions**.

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

- D be exposed to the mechanics of crime scene processing,
- appreciate the skills and abilities required for criminal investigators,
- learn about the role of criminal investigators within the criminal justice system,
- learn** about various evidence collection method,
- understand the legal and ethical responsibilities involved in criminal case investigations,
- be introduced to the methods of witness discovery and interviewing,
- learn about the legalities and challenges of suspect interrogation.

**REQUIRED** Swanson, Chamelin, Territo, *Criminal Investigation*,  
**TEXTBOOKS:** (7<sup>th</sup> edition 2000).

**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.

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Students who have advanced knowledge that they will miss an 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 be left by the student on voice mail at any time. A student who misses an 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 and WRITING 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. Writing assignments are expected to meet the "Writing Across the Disciplines" standards stated on pages 50-1 of the Chaminade University General Catalog.

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

MID-TERM .....100 Points

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ..... 200 Points

FINAL EXAM/ ASSIGNMENT ..... 100 Points

GRADING: A = 90% of the possible 400 total points (360+)  
B = 80% of the possible 400 total points. (320+)  
C = 70% of the possible 400 total points. (280+)  
D = 60% of the possible 400 total points. (240+)  
F = less than 60% of the 400 possible points. (<240)  
FA = failure due to excessive unexcused absences  
(4 or more under regular schedule).

Note: a grade calculated by the percentage of possible examination points may be reduced to the next lower grade in the event of excessive absences.

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

End of syllabus.