

## CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

**COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:** CL223: Criminal Law I

**SEMESTER:** Fall Semester, 1999 term. **Main** campus. Henry flail 118.

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

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**BIOGRAPHY:** Mr. Lau is an **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:**

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

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:** Upon completion of the course, the student will have been **exposed** to the American governmental and legal systems as it relates to the various areas of civil and criminal law. The course is an introduction to law and legal analysis.

**REQUIRED** Walston-Dunham, *Introduction to Law*, (3rd 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 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 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:

**FIRST MID-TERM EXAM..... 100 Points**  
**SECOND MID-TERM EXAM ..... 100 Points**  
**FINAL EXAM ..... 100 Points**  
**CLASS ASSIGNMENTS..... 50 Points**

Exams are given after generally after approximately four chapters are completed.

**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 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 or failure of class participation.

**End of syllabus.**