

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: CI223: Criminal Law I

SEMESTER: ~~Fall~~Semester, 2000 term. Main campus. Henry Hall 118.

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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 and civil law, general principles of legal liability and defenses, and the elements of various legal issues such as those involving persons, property, habitation, and public order.

COURSE OBJECTIVE: Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- > be introduced to the American governmental and legal systems,
- > learn about the manner in which cases are handled within the legal system,
- > be exposed to the various areas of both civil and criminal law,
- > be introduced to the subject of legal reasoning and analysis.
- > learn to appreciate the relationship between culture and the formulation of laws.

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 general make-up procedure for missed examinations or assignments. Students who have advance 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 exam or 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 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:

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

The first exam is given after completion of textbook chapters 1-5. The second exam is given after completing chapters 7-9. The final exam is given after covering chapters 10, 12-14. Exams are objective and generally not cumulative in coverage.

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 not amounting to a FA grade or for failure of class participation.

DISCLAIMER: The instructor reserves the right to make slight modifications to this syllabus in the unlikely event that circumstances dictate them. Any modifications will be made only after appropriate notice is given to students in class.

End of syllabus.