

## CJ223 Criminal Law I

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### Course Description:

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

### Textbook:

Required: Introduction to Law, Third Edition - Beth Walston-Dunham

Suggested: Study Guide to Accompany Introduction to Law, Third Edition

### Attendance:

Class attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is understandable that there are times when a student may not be able to attend class but absences from class will impact the student's grade. There will be a deduction of 10 points for an excused absence (one that can be verified) and a deduction of 25 points for any unexcused **absences**. In the event that a student will be or has advance knowledge that he/she will be absent, it is the *STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY* to contact the instructor prior to the class the student will miss or as soon as reasonably possible.

### Reading Assignments & Class Participation:

Reading assignment must be completed prior to class. Students will be expected to take an active role in **class discussions** and **lectures**.

### Weekly Discussion Assignment:

Students will be required to bring an article to class every week for class discussion. The article will be relevant to criminal law and can be from any media source to include (but **not limited to**); newspaper; **magazines**, or the **Internet**. **Students will** turn in the articles.

### Course Evaluation:

Exam 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4)	50 points
Exam 2 (Chapters 5, 6, 9)	50 points
Exam 3 (Chapters 12, 13)	50 points
Weekly discussion articles (10 articles)	50 points
Paper (Minimum 10 pages)	100 points
	300 points

### Grading:

A= 270 - 300 points (90-100%)	D= 180 - 209 (60-69%)
B= 240 - 269 points (80-89%)	F= 0 - 179 (0 - 59%)
C= 210 - 239 points (70-79%)	

### Extra Credit Paper:

Students may choose to do an extra credit paper and can **earn up to 50 extra points**.

Course of **Instruction**:

1. Wednesday, November 8, 2000  
**Introduction** - Overview of the course  
Review of the **Criminal** Justice System
2. Monday, November 13, 2000  
Chapter 1- The Historical Basis and Current Structure of the American Legal System.  
Chapter 2- The Courts
3. Wednesday, November 15, 2000  
Chapter 3- Legislation  
Chapter 4- **The** Executive Branch and Administrative Authority
4. Monday, November 20, 2000  
Exam #1- Chapters 1-4
5. Wednesday, November 22, 2000  
Chapter 5- Substantive and Procedural Issues  
Chapter 6- Jurisdiction
6. Monday, November 27, 2000  
Chapter 9- Torts
7. Wednesday, **November** 29, 2000  
Exam #2- Chapters 5, 6 & 9
8. Monday, December 4, 2000  
Chapter 12- Criminal Law
9. Wednesday, December 6, 2000  
Chapter 13- Criminal Procedure
10. Monday, December 11, 2000  
Exam #3- Chapters 12- 13  
\*\*Papers and Extra Credit papers due

Examinations:

There **will** be a total of three unit examinations covering the specific chapters that are listed in the preceding pages. Each exam will be worth a total of 50 points. While each exam will be slightly different, they will be similar in context with approximately 30 to 40 true or false, multiple choice, and 1-2 short answer essay questions.

### **Term & Extra Credit Paper Requirements:**

**Topic:** Any subject related to criminal law and the criminal justice system. The topic that you would like to write about must be submitted for approval by the third class session.

**Length:** Minimum of 10 pages

**Content:** The paper should include the following

1. Title Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Introduction
4. Text- Research
5. Conclusions
6. Recommendations for future change
7. Bibliography - Five professional references

**Grading:** Papers will be graded using several criteria. Style, originality, knowledge of the subject matter and the relationship to the criminal justice system will be the major areas of consideration. Grammar, format errors, or technical errors will result in points being deducted.

### **Style Requirement:**

Students will be required to use the "author, year" or "in-text" citation format. This is known as the American Psychological Association (APA format) and is the standard format used by the Chaminade University of Honolulu, Criminal Justice program. Papers must be typed, double-spaced with a 1 1/2" left margin, and 1" right, top and bottom margins. In an effort to conserve the world's resources, you will be required to turn in your paper on a 3.5-inch floppy disk, which I will provide, or you may e-mail me your paper. You may turn in a hard copy of your paper if you so desire, but you will still be required to turn in your paper on the 3.5-inch diskette as well.

\*If you are not familiar with the APA format, it is HIGHLY suggested that you consider obtaining the following texts:

1. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Fourth Edition, published by the American Psychological Association, Washington D. C.
2. The Bedford Handbook for Writers Fourth Edition, Diana Hacker

### **Academic Dishonesty:**

Academic dishonesty, to include plagiarism, will not be tolerated. I reserve the right to use resources such as [www. Plagiarism.com](http://www.Plagiarism.com)- to verify the authenticity of suspected plagiarized papers. Plagiarism is serious matter and students that turn in plagiarized papers will receive an automatic failing grade and a recommendation that the student be placed on Academic Suspension for at least one year.

Term paper subject:

**Extra** credit **paper subject:**