

CJ 223 - INTRODUCTION TO LAW
Chaminade University

Instructor: Judge Reynaldo D. Gaulty
August 8, 2001 to September 12, 2001
Time & Place: Mondays and Wednesdays,
5:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.
Location: Classroom "C", Bldg. 220
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Instructor:

Judge Gaulty is a Circuit Court Judge for the state of Hawaii. He received his BA in Political Science and History, *magna cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Albany in 1970 and his JD from the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law in 1979. Judge Gaulty is the only active member of Hawaii's Judiciary who has served in all three branches of state government.

Course Objectives:

This is an introductory course to develop critical thinking skills regarding the regulation of behavior in society, the sources of law and the concepts of fairness and justice.

Course Description:

This course presents a general overview of the study of law. It is designed to give Students a comprehensive survey of the wide spectrum of law in order to prepare them for more complex legal courses later in their studies. In addition to providing the the sources and heirarchy of law and the structure of our modern legal system, the course will cover the basic principles of the laws on contracts, property, torts, business, estates and probate, criminal law and procedure, family law as well as the ethical responsibilities of the legal profession.

Required Textbook:

Walston-Dunham, *Introduction to Law*, West Publishing Company, 3rd edition, 1998.

Term paper: (bonus points)(optional)

Typewritten paper: Prepare a dissenting opinion to the majority opinion in Texas v. Johnson (see pp. 13-21 of the textbook). Must be turned in on the last day of class.

Conduct of the class:

- 1) Class will consist of lectures and group discussions.
- 2) Quizzes will focus on text materials while mid-term and final examinations will include textual as well as lecture material.

Attendance:

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement for this course. It is recognized that there may be times when the student will not be able to attend class. Absence from class however will impact the Student's grade. Student participation in each class session is considered important to the learning process. Also, missing class is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next class, completing the reading assignments or other projects which were assigned during the missed class.

Chapter quizzes serve: 1) to encourage the student to read the assigned material prior to class, and 2) to encourage attendance. Chapter quizzes cannot be made up if missed. If you know you will be absent and will miss a chapter quiz, you can make arrangements to take the chapter quiz in advance.

Missed mid-terms and final exams cannot be made up unless the absence is for medical reasons or some other reason deemed significant by the instructor. The instructor must approve any make-up examination. Delay in contacting the instructor after being absent for the exam will be reason to deny the request for a make-up exam. Once the exams have been passed back to the class, the exam cannot be made up. Exams are usually passed back during the following class period.

Reading assignments:

Reading assignments shall be completed prior to class or the student will not be prepared to participate meaningfully in discussions. The student's grade will be adversely impacted by evidence of failure to read assignments prior to class.

Evaluation/Grades:

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| 1) 2 chapter quizzes | 20 points each |
| 2) midterm exam | 30 points |
| 3) final exam | 40 points |

Grades will be based on the following points:	100 - 90	A
	90 - 80	B
	80 - 70	C
	69 - 50	D
	49 or less	F

Up to 10 bonus points can be awarded for the optional term paper.

The last day to add/drop this class is August 10th - last day to withdraw is September 4th.

COURSE SYLLABUS

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Assignment</u>
1	August 8	Introduction - syllabus review; <i>Introduction to Law (text), Chapters 1-4</i> historical basis and structure; the Courts; Legislation; Executive Branch and its Administrative Authority	Review Chapters 1-4
2	August 13	Substantive and Procedural Issues; Jurisdiction; quiz	Chapters 5&6
3	August 15	Contracts & Torts	Chapters 7&9
4	August 20	Criminal Law	Chapter 12
5	August 22	Criminal Procedure; mid term	Chapter 13
6	August 27	Property Law	Chapter 8
7	August 29	Business Law	Chapter 10
8	Sept 5	Estates and Probate	Chapter 11
9	Sept 10	Family Law; quiz	Chapter 14
10	Sept 12	Legal Ethics; final examination	Chapter 15