

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: CJ 375: Contemporary Issues.

SEMESTER: 2002 Fall Day Semester.

DAY/ TIME/PLACE: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00-10:50 a.m./ Henry Hall 202.

INSTRUCTOR: Collin K. C. Lau, J. D.

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OFFICE HOURS: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:30-9:00 a.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays 11 a.m. to noon or by appointment. My office is in room 110 of the Behavioral Science building and is always open to students to discuss the class, your degree plans or anything else of import to the student.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Lau is a full-time 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.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An examination of issues currently faced by the criminal justice system focusing upon contemporary issues which are projected to have a major impact upon the quality of life for the community and the ability of the criminal justice system to provide services to the community.

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

- > have been exposed to pressing issues in today's criminal justice system ,
- > appreciate the impact that politics has upon the criminal justice system,
- > have been exposed to modern criminal enterprises,
- > learn about the role that race may have within the criminal justice system,
- > develop an understanding of the importance of diversity within the criminal justice system.

REQUIRED TEXT: Katsh, M. Ethan and Rose, William (10th Edition 2002). Additional course materials will be distributed in class.

ATTENDANCE and 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 chronic late arrivals to a session will impact the student's

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grade. In general, there is no make-up procedure for missed examinations or assignments. Students who have advanced knowledge that they will miss a session or deadline should contact the instructor to arrange to perform the work. 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. Messages may be left students on voice or e-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 promptly (usually within 48 hours).

READING ASSIGNMENTS: All 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 REQUIREMENTS: All formal writing assignments must seek to adhere to writing standards that are stated in the Chaminade General Catalog for 2002-2003 on pages 50-1.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: Students are expected to comply with the standards related to attendance that are outline on page 50 of Chaminade General Catalog for 2002-2003.

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

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS.....	150 Points
MIDTERM ASSIGNMENT.....	100 Points
FINAL ASSIGNMENT and ORAL PRESENTATION....	150 Points
CLASS PARTICIPATION.....	100 Points

GRADING: A = 90% of the possible 500 total points (450+)
B = 80% of the possible 500 total points. (400+)
C = 70% of the possible 500 total points. (350+)
D = 60% of the possible 500 total points. (300+)
F = less than 60% of the possible points. (<300)

DISCLAIMER: The instructor reserves the right to make slight modifications to the course syllabus if and only if the circumstances warrant or require it. Any modification will be made known to the student.

END OF SYLLABUS.