



**CJ 42310 Criminal Law 11 0 credits)  
Chaminade University**

**Instructor: Judge George Y. Kimura**

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**April 10, 1999 to June 12, 1999**

**Spring Evening Programs**

**Time & Place: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.)**

**Location: Schofield Barracks Bldg. 560**

**Instructor:**

Judge Kimura is a District Court judge for the state of Hawaii. He received his B.A. and L.L.B. degrees from Tulane University of Louisiana.

**Course Objectives:**

To introduce the student to American criminal law. At the conclusion of this course it is expected that the student will be able: 1) to clearly and logically describe and understand criminal law, 2) to discuss criminal law using technical vocabulary, 3) to be able to cite landmark legal cases and their impact on the criminal law.

**Course Description:**

Overview of criminal law and its processes. Roles and relationships of various law enforcement agencies as it relates to criminal law.

**Required Textbooks:**

Joel Samaha, Criminal Law (6<sup>th</sup> edition), West Publishing,, 1999

**Note: Handouts will be provided.**

**Conduct of the class:**

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

**Attendance:**

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is recognized that there may be times when the student will not be able to attend class but an absence from class will impact the student's grade. The student's participation in each class session is considered important to the learning process. Missing class is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next class, completing 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 miss a chapter quiz, you can make arrangements to take the chapter quiz in advance.

Missed examinations cannot be made up unless absence is for medical purposes or other significant reason. The instructor must approve any make-up examination. Delay in contacting the instructor after an examination is reason to deny a make-up examination. Once examinations have been passed back to the class, the examination cannot be made up. Examinations are usually passed back 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:**

1) 2 chapter quizzes	40 points
2) mid-term exam	30 points
3) <u>final exam</u>	<u>30 points</u>
Total points: 100 points	

Grades are based on the following points:	100 - 90	A
	89 - 80	B
	79 - 70	C
	69 - 50	D
	49 & below	F

Syllabus (subject to change)

week	date		assignment
1	Apr. 10	<b>Introduction</b> - syllabus review; chapter 1 — the nature, origin & purposes of criminal law	chapter 1
2	Apr. 17	chapter 2 — Constitutional limits on criminal law; chapter 3 — general principles of criminal liability	chapters 2 & 3
3	Apr. 24	chapters 4 - parties to crime; chapter 5 uncompleted crimes; quiz	chapters 4 & 5
4	May 1	chapter 6 - defenses to criminal liability: justifications; chapter 7 - defenses to criminal liability: excuses	chapters 6 & 7
5	May 8	chapter 8 -- crimes against persons: criminal homicide; mid-term exam	chapter 8
6	May 15	chapter 9 - <b>crimes</b> against persons: criminal sexual conduct	chapter 9
7	May 22	chapter 10 -crimes against habitation: burglary & arson	chapter 10
8	May 29	chapter 11 - crimes against property; quiz	chapter 11
9	June 5	<del>chapter 11</del> <b>chapter 12 - crimes against public order</b>	chapter 12
10	June 12	review & final examination	