

**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY**  
Winter Evening  
January 10-March 14, 2001  
Camp Schofield



**Course:** Criminal Law II, CJ 42310

**Time:** Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.-9:40 p.m.

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**Textbook:** Samaha, Joel, Criminal Law (6<sup>th</sup> edition, 1999)

**Course Description:**

Basic concepts of the criminal law including elements, parties, liabilities and defenses; the origin and development of law in Anglo-American jurisdictions; constitutional limitations of police power and the administrative process of law enforcement.

**Course Objective:**

- Identify the elements of various crimes related to criminal law;
- Perform basic legal research;
- Appreciate the impact of the United States Constitution on criminal law;
- Understand the interplay between State and Federal Courts; and
- Knowledge of important court cases and their impact on the law.

**Format:**

The lecture format will be minimally used in this class. Rather, an on going give and take between instructor and student will function as the primary vehicle for learning. Although a strict Socratic method of teaching will not be applied, students will be expected to participate in all case analysis. Thus, attendance and preparation for all classes is a must.

**Grading:**

-Case Presentation	20 points
-Midterm	35 points
-Final Exam	35 points
-Attendance & participation	10 points

A-	100-90	points
B=	89-80	points
C=	79-70	points
D=	69-60	points
F=	59 or below	

**Case Presentation:**

All students will be required to present an assigned case to the class. The presentation will demonstrate an understanding of the issues, facts, law, analysis, ruling and applicability of the case. Presentations will be no longer than 10 minutes with 10 minutes of questions and answers from the instructor and fellow students.

**Midterm:**

The midterm will cover all reading assignments and classroom discussions for the class periods covering January 10 to January 31, 2001. The test will consist of short-essay questions and multiple choice.

**Final Exam:**

The final examination will cover all reading assignments and classroom discussions for the class period covering February 7 to March 7, 2001. The test will consist of short-essay questions and multiple choice. The Final examination is not cumulative.

**Attendance/Participation:**

All students are guaranteed the allotted 10 points for attendance & participation unless a student is habitually tardy or late. **Habitually** being defined as more than three (3) times. If your name is called for classroom discussion and you are not present, that will count as one absence. Three such absences will automatically forfeit the 10 points.

**Learning Outcome \_Assessment:**

After completion of this course all students should feel comfortable:

- Discussing the elements of the various crimes and defenses;
- Briefing cases and applying the law to every day fact patterns;
- Presenting a case analysis in public; and
- Critiquing current criminal cases and their applications.

**Reading Assignments:**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Chapters</u></b>
January 10	Introduction and General Principles	2-3
17	Parties to Crime/Uncompleted Crimes	4-5
24	Defenses	6-7
31	Defenses Midterm Review	6-7
February 7	<b>Midterm</b> Introduction to Homicide	
14	Homicide	8
21	Crimes Against Persons	9
28	Property Crimes	10-11
March 7	Public Order and Morals Final Examination Review	12
March 14	Final Examination	