

## **CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS**

**COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:** **CL151: Criminal Justice Systems.**

**SEMESTER:** 1999 Fall Interim term. 9/17(F), 9/18(S), 9/20(F), 9/22(W\*), 9/24(F), 9/25(S), 9/27(M), 9/29(W\*), 9/30(R) and 10/2(S). Kaneohe campus.

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**BIOGRAPHY:** Mr. Lau is a fulltime Assistant Professor in the 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:**

Overview of criminal justice systems, processes, and personnel. Roles and relationships of various law enforcement agencies, court systems, and corrections agencies.

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:** Upon completion of the course, the student will have been exposed to the basics of the American legal and criminal justice systems. This course is designed to provide the student with a broad introduction to the variety of systems, components and issues that make up the subject of criminal justice.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:** Schmallegger, Frank, Criminal Justice Today, (5th edition, 1999).

**ATTENDANCE & 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 late arrivals to a session will impact the student's grade. In general, there is no make-up procedure for missed examinations or assignments. Students who have advanced knowledge that they will miss an session or deadline should contact the instructor to make arrangements to take the examination at another time. 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. If a student did not have advanced notice that s/he would miss a session or assignment deadline, s/he must contact the instructor within 24 hours. A message may be left by the student on voice mail at any time. A student who misses an session or deadline and is allowed by the instructor to take do a make-up must be prepared to take it immediately (usually within 48 hours).

READING ASSIGNMENTS: All reading 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. It is particularly important that assigned cases are read for presentation in the upcoming class.

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

MID-TERM EXAM ..... 100 Points  
FINAL EXAM ..... 150 Points  
CLASS ASSIGNMENTS..... 50 Points

GRADING: A = 90% or more of the possible 300 total points. (270+)  
B = 80% or more of the possible 300 total points. (240+)  
C = 70% or more of the possible 300 total points. (210+)  
D = 60% or more of the possible 300 **total** pointy **(180+)**  
F = **less** than 48% of the possible points. (<180)  
FA = failure due to excessive unexcused absences  
(2 or more under accelerated schedule).

End of syllabus.