COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD

Number: CJ G141  TITLE: Concepts of Criminal Law

ORIGINATOR: Victor Quiros  EFF TERM: Spring 2015
FORMERLY KNOWN AS: Criminal Law I  DATE OF
OUTLINE/REVIEW: 10-08-2014

CROSS LISTED COURSE:  TOP NO: 2105.00

COURSE:  CID: AJ 120

SEMESTER UNITS: 3.0  C-ID: AJ 120
HRS LEC: 54.0  HRS LAB: 0.0  HRS OTHER: 0.0
CONTACT HRS TOTAL: 54.0
STUDY NON-CONTACT HRS RECOMMENDED: 108.0

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
This course offers an analysis of the doctrines of criminal liability in the United States and the classification
of crimes against persons, property, morals, and public welfare. Special emphasis is placed on the
classification of crime, the general elements of crime, the definitions of common and statutory law, and the
nature of acceptable evidence. This course utilizes case law and case studies to introduce students to
criminal law. The completion of this course offers a foundation upon which upper-division criminal justice
course will build. The course will also include some limited discussion of prosecution and defense decision
making, criminal culpability, and defenses to crimes.

JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE:

PREREQUISITES:

COREQUISITES:

ADVISORIES:
  • ENGL G100: Freshman Composition

ASSIGNED DISCIPLINES:
  Administration of justice (police science, corrections, law enforcement)
  Law

MATERIAL FEE: Yes [ ] No [X] Amount: $0.00

CREDIT STATUS: Noncredit [ ] Credit - Degree Applicable [X] Credit - Not Degree Applicable [ ]

GRADING POLICY: Pass/No Pass [ ] Standard Letter [X] Not Graded [ ] Satisfactory Progress [ ]

OPEN ENTRY/OPEN EXIT: Yes [ ] No [X]

TRANSFER STATUS: CSU Transferable[ ] UC/CSU Transferable[X] Not Transferable[ ]

BASIC SKILLS STATUS: Yes [ ] No [X]  LEVELS BELOW TRANSFER: Not Applicable

CALIFORNIA CLASSIFICATION CODES: Y - Not Applicable

NON CREDIT COURSE CATEGORY: Y - Not applicable, Credit Course

LEVELS BELOW TRANSFER: Not Applicable

ASSIGNED DISCIPLINES: D

REPEATABLE ACCORDING TO STATE GUIDELINES: No [X]  Yes [ ] NUMBER REPEATS:

REQUIRED FOR DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE: No [ ] Yes [X]
Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Business and Technology(Associate in Arts)
Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences(Associate in Arts)
Criminal Justice – Administration of Justice(Associate in Arts)
Criminal Justice--Corrections (27 total units):(Associate in Arts)
Law Enforcement Option(Certificate of Achievement)
GE AND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS MET:
IGETC Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences
   4H: Political Science, Government & Legal Institutions
CSU GE Area D: Social, Political, and Economic Institutions
   D8 - Political Science, Government, and Legal Institutions
CSU Transfer Course
   A. Transfers to CSU
Degree Applicable
   AA Degree Applicable
   AA-T Degree Applicable

COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) Supported by this course:

1. Discuss the goals and characteristics of criminal law.
2. Discuss the philosophical and historical evolution of criminal law, noting the role of the judiciary in its development.
3. Know the basic terminology, definitions, and theories of criminal law.
4. Identify elements of offenses against the person, property, morals, and public welfare.
5. Classify crimes according to severity.
6. Explain the concept of lesser included offenses.
7. Explain capacity to commit crime, causation, and culpability.
8. Critically analyze various components of our system of criminal law.
9. Explain and discuss criminal defenses, legal justifications, and burdens of proof.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Discuss the goals and characteristics of criminal law.
2. Explain the adversary system and sources of criminal law.
3. Discuss the philosophical and historical evolution of criminal law, noting the role of the judiciary in its development.
4. Know the basic terminology, definitions, and theories of criminal law.
5. Identify elements of offenses against the person, property, morals, and public welfare.
6. Classify crimes according to severity.
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COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:
A. Historical Background of Criminal Law
   1. Development of law
   2. Types of law
   3. Functions of law
B. Fundamentals of the Adversarial System
Classification of laws
2. Classification of crimes
3. Limitations on the Law
4. Elements of a Crime
5. Parties to Crimes

C. Criminal Defenses and Justifications
   1. Affirmative
   2. Constitutional
   3. Statutory

D. Offenses Against Persons
E. Offenses Against Property
F. Offenses Against Public Morals and Welfare
G. Offenses Against the Criminal Justice System

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lecture:
B. Online:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Out-of-class Assignments

Written homework essays requiring critical analysis and argument from various legal perspectives from the textbook, sources of law, and lecture.

Writing Assignments

Written in-class and homework essays requiring critical analysis and argument from various legal perspectives from the textbook, sources of law, and lecture.

Reading Assignments

1. Textbook
2. Supplemental materials provided by instructor.
3. Selected constitutional, statutory, and case law assigned by instructor.

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:

Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Written Assignments
Objective Examinations
Problem Solving Exercises

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:

Student-centered and problem-based instruction involving small group activities, in-class presentations, and other activities facilitated by instructor that require analysis from the textbook, sources of law, and lecture.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:

Written in-class and homework exercises requiring analysis from the textbook, sources of law, and lecture.

TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:

TextBooks:

Other:
1. Course syllabus and handouts
LIBRARY:
   Adequate library resources include: Print Materials
   Comments:

Attachments:
   Attached Files