

AJ 102: CONCEPTS OF CRIMINAL LAW

Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2021
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Strongly Recommended:	ENGL 101.
District General Education:	D1. History and Political Science
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	Yes - Approved
Grading Method:	Standard Letter

Catalog Course Description

The philosophy and historical development of law, including the provisions of the U.S. Constitution. The concepts and definitions necessary to relate court decisions to statutes including those specific to correctional institutions. 54 lecture hours.

Course Objectives

- explain the historical development of law and the philosophy of law
- integrate constitutional provisions with the fundamentals of law
- apply basic legal definitions and concepts
- interpret court decisions in relation to the written statutes
- apply statutory provisions to correctional institutions

Major Course Content

1. SCOPE AND SOURCE OF CRIMINAL LAW

- Origin and Development of Criminal Law
- Sources of Criminal Law
- The Purpose and Nature of Criminal Law
- Concepts of Stare Decisis
- Classification of Laws
- Statute of Limitation
- Case Citations and Appeals
- Attorney General Opinions
- Police Power of the State
- The Concept of Preemption
- Ex Post Facto Laws
- Distinction Between Crimes and Torts
- Definition of Terms
- Venue and Jurisdiction

2. CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES AND PENALTIES

- Language of Criminal Statutes
- Vague and Indefinite Statutes
- Construction of Penal Statutes

- Conflict Between Statutes
- Penal Code Terms Defined
- Felonies, Misdemeanors, and Infractions Defined
- Punishment for Offenses Not Otherwise Prescribed
- Initiative Measures
 - Major Proposition 8 and 115 Changes
 - Prior Conviction—Penalty Enhancement
 - Prior Convictions—C.Y.A. Commitment
 - Lesser Included Offenses
 - When Jeopardy Attaches

3. THE ELEMENTS OF CRIME AND CORPUS DELICTI

- Corpus Delicti
- The Criminal Act
- Multiple Offenses—Punishment
- Proximate Cause
- Criminal Intent—How Manifested
- Types of Intent
- How Intent Is Proved
- Intent in Negligence Cases
 - Motive and Intent Distinguished
 - Intoxication as Affecting Intent
 - Diminished Capacity

4. CAPACITY TO COMMIT CRIME—INSANITY DEFENSE

- Persons Capable of Committing Crime
- Children Under Age Fourteen
- Idiots
- Ignorance or Mistake of Fact
- Unconsciousness of Act
- Accident and Misfortune
- Crimes Committed Under Threats
- Insanity as a Defense

5. PARTIES TO CRIME

- Common Law Parties to Crime
- Principals Defined
- Penal Code Provisions
- Aid and Abet Defined
- Co-Principals Equally Guilty
- Accessory Defined
- Accomplice Defined
- Feigned Accomplice

6. ATTEMPTS—SOLICITATION—OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE—CONSPIRACY

- Attempt Defined
- Abandonment of Attempt
- Possibility of Completion
- Solicitation to Commit Crime
- Obstructing Justice—Compounding Crimes
- Perjury
- Subornation of Perjury
- Bribery
 - Other Bribery Statutes
 - Falsification Crimes
 - Conspiracy
 - Overt Act in Conspiracy

- m. Agreement Necessary in Conspiracy
 - n. Abandonment of Conspiracy
 - o. Criminal Liability in Conspiracy
- 7. LAWS OF ARREST**
- a. Arrest Defined
 - b. Encounters and Detentions
 - c. Peace Officer Defined
 - d. Peace Officer Status Primary Duty
 - e. Arrests by Peace Officers Without Warrant
 - f. Duty Following Arrest
 - g. Private Person Arrests
 - h. Misdemeanor Citations
 - i. Probable Cause to Arrest
 - j. Entrapment
 - k. Accomplishing the Arrest
 - l. Resisting Arrest
 - m. The Miranda Admonishment
 - n. Arrest Pursuant to Warrant
 - o. Escape, Pursuit, and Retaking
 - p. Posse Comitatus
 - q. Threatened Offenses
 - r. Immunity from Prosecution
 - s. Arrested Person's Rights
 - t. Law Enforcement and Civil Liability
- 8. OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE**
- a. Disturbing the Peace
 - b. Unlawful Assembly
 - c. Failure to Disperse
 - d. Rout and Riot Defined
 - e. Inciting a Riot
 - f. Lynching—Prisoner Rescue
 - g. Disturbing Public and Religious Meetings—Hate Crimes
 - h. Trespassing
 - i. Forcible Entry and Detainer
 - j. School Disturbance Laws
 - k. Disorderly Conduct
 - l. Public Security and Safety
- 9. DANGEROUS WEAPONS CONTROL LAWS**
- a. Prohibited Weapons
 - b. Firearm Concealed on Person or in Vehicle
 - c. Deadly Weapons
 - d. Prohibited Weapons and Devices
 - e. Tear Gas Possession
 - f. Illegal Use of Firearms
 - g. Firearms—Concealable Weapon Restrictions
 - h. Firearms in Public Places
 - i. Related Code Sections
- 10. TYPES OF ASSAULT**
- a. Simple Assault
 - b. Battery
 - c. Exhibiting Deadly Weapon
 - d. Assault with a Deadly Weapon
 - e. Assault with Caustic Chemicals
 - f. Poisoning Food—Drink—Water—Medicine
 - g. Throwing Objects or Shooting at Vehicles—Dwellings—Aircraft
 - h. Assault with Intent to Commit Certain Felonies
 - i. Administering Stupefying Drugs
 - j. Train Wrecking
 - k. Mayhem
 - l. Abandonment of Assault
 - m. Assaults—Justification and Excuse
 - n. Domestic Violence
 - o. Victims of Violent Crime Statute
- 11. HOMICIDES**
- a. Homicide Defined
 - b. Murder Defined
 - c. Degrees of Murder
 - d. Penalty for Murder
 - e. Proximate Cause—Felony Murder Rule
 - f. Manslaughter
 - g. Voluntary Manslaughter
 - h. Involuntary Manslaughter
 - i. Vehicle Manslaughter
 - j. Excusable Homicide
 - k. Justifiable Homicide by Public Officers
 - l. Justifiable Homicide by Any Person
 - m. Capital Crimes
- 12. FALSE IMPRISONMENT—RESTRAINT CRIMES—KIDNAPPING—CHILD ABDUCTION—RAPE—UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE**
- a. False Imprisonment
 - b. Crimes of Restraint
 - c. Kidnapping
 - d. Kidnapping for Ransom—Extortion—Robbery—Rape
 - e. Extortion by Posing as Kidnapper
 - f. Child Abduction
 - g. Rape
 - h. Rape of Spouse
 - i. Unlawful Sexual Intercourse
- 13. PUBLIC SAFETY AND MORALS**
- a. Obscene Matter
 - b. Harmful Matter—Minors
 - c. Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
 - d. Crimes Against Children
 - e. Sodomy and Oral Copulation
 - f. Incest
 - g. Indecent Exposure
 - h. Annoying or Molesting Children
 - i. Loitering Near Schools—Public Places
 - j. Sex Offender Registration
- 14. BURGLARY**
- a. Burglary Defined
 - b. The Act of Entry in Burglary
 - c. The Intent in Burglary
 - d. Structures Subject to Burglary
 - e. Degrees of Burglary
 - f. Punishment for Burglary

- g. Burglary with Explosives or Acetylene Torch
 - h. Possession of Burglary Tools—Unauthorized Keys—Devices
 - i. Unlawful Forced Entry
15. **ROBBERY AND EXTORTION**
- a. Robbery Defined
 - b. Elements of Robbery
 - c. Ownership and Value of Property
 - d. Miscellaneous Aspects—Increased Penalty
 - e. Punishment for Robbery
 - f. Extortion Defined
 - g. Consent—Force—Fear—Threats
 - h. Threat of Unlawful Injury
 - i. Attempted Extortion
 - j. Obtaining Signature by Threat
 - k. Sending Threatening Letters
 - l. Penalty for Extortion
16. **THEFT AND EMBEZZLEMENT**
- a. Theft Defined
 - b. The Act of Taking in Theft
 - c. The Intent in Theft
 - d. Analysis of Types of Theft
 - e. Theft in General
 - f. Theft by False Pretenses
 - g. Theft by Trick or Device
 - h. Theft by Embezzlement
 - i. Theft of Access Cards
 - j. Theft of Lost Property
 - k. Degrees of Theft
 - l. Punishment for Theft
 - m. Petty Theft Prior Convictions
 - n. Separate Multiple Thefts
 - o. Receiving or Concealing Stolen Property
 - p. Related Thefts
 - q. Disposal of Stolen Property by Officials
 - r. Defrauding an Innkeeper
 - s. Articles with Serial Numbers Removed, Altered
17. **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE CRIMES**
- a. Controlled Substances Act
 - b. Definitions
 - c. Opiates—Psychedelics—Stimulants—Depressants
 - d. Controlled Substance Possession
 - e. Elements of Possession
 - f. Under the Influence
 - g. Transportation—Sale—Manufacture
 - h. Imitation Controlled Substance
 - i. Drug Paraphernalia
 - j. Place Drugs Sold or Used
 - k. Persons Required to Register
 - l. Driving Offenses
18. **MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES**
- a. Forgery Defined
 - b. Intent to Defraud
 - c. Types of Forgery and Fictitious Checks

- d. Penalties—Forgery and Fictitious Checks
- e. Arson
- f. Unlawfully Causing Fire
- g. Possession of Flammables and Explosives
- h. Crimes Against Insured Property
- i. Abandoned Appliances
- j. Depositing Objects on Public Highways
- k. Destroying Sign Barriers
- l. Destruction of Landmarks—Trees—Signs
- m. Injuring Works of Art
- n. Injuring or Tampering with Aircraft
- o. Injury to Jail
- p. Invasion of Privacy

Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Fictional or factual accounts of criminal law cases
Review criminal law cases posted on the California Courts website or electronic databases provide by the library

Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Case Briefs analyzing California District Court of Appeals or California Supreme Court decisions

Examples of Outside Assignments

Students will review text material to prepare for discussion during class sessions

Study for chapter quizzes and final exam

Conduct research regarding California Appellate Court and/or California Supreme Court case decisions

Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture

IGETC Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences

4H. Political Science, Government & Legal Institutions