Criminal Law CJL 2100 Online

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Prerequisites: None

Credit: 3 hour

This course is an introduction to Criminal Law. We will cover the elements of crimes, the nature of criminal responsibility, criminal defenses and substantive offenses. Criminal Law is the foundation of the justice system and it defines the behaviors that are prohibited, prosecuted, and punished. This class is relevant for those individuals planning careers in criminal justice or law and provides insight into the philosophy of law and legal analysis and judicial decision-making.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

Identify and describe the essential elements of a crime

Indicate an understanding of the evolution of criminal jurisprudence in the United States from its European roots to present. Describe different constitutional, case and statutory laws and their effects on the criminal justice system.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Required Text: Lippman, Matthew. Contemporary Criminal Law: Concept, Cases and Controversies. 4th Ed.: SAGE Publication, Inc.

Additional supplies: computer access

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

There is an online study site accompanying the book that will help you with the material. This is available at www.sagepub.com/lippmancc14e

ASSESMENT METHODS AND EVALUATION:

Student grades will be computed by finding the percentage of the total possible points which each student has earned and converting that average into a letter grade. All exams will be short answer or essay. There will be a midterm exam worth at least 200 points, and a Final Exam which will be worth at least 200 points. The Final Exam will be given at the assigned time as set by Valencia College. (Please see below in assignments) THE FINAL EXAM IS REQUIRED AND ANY STUDENT NOT TAKING THE FINAL WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF AN “F” IN THIS COURSE. In addition to the mid-term and final exam, there will be weekly

quizzes, totaling 16 total quizzes, valued at least 40 points. Every week you will also be expected to participate in our weekly discussion. There will be 16 discussion topics for a potential of 10 points each or 160 total points total. Please be reminded that if you are one of the first persons to enter the discussion, you are expected to read the other students’ responses during the week, just as if we were in “real” class where everyone would listen and contribute. You will be expected to read ALL DISCUSSIONS AND POST YOUR RESPONSE TO THE INSTRUCTOR’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK IN THE CLASS DISCUSSION AS WELL AS RESPOND TO THREE OTHER STUDENTS’ POSTING ON AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT DATES. YOUR POINTS AWARDED WILL BE BASED UPON THE CONTENT AND QUALITY, INCLUDING PROPER GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION, ALONG WITH WHETHER AND HOW YOU ADDRESSED THE QUESTION. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR JUST SAYING I AGREE OR I DISAGREE. DO NOT USE SLANG.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE FINAL EXAM AND THEY ARE TO COMPLETE ALL COURSEWORK. ALL WORK NOT SUBMITTED WILL BE ASSIGNED A GRADE OF 0.

. Final grades will be calculated by TOTALING ALL OF YOUR EARNED POINTS and taking the CORRESPOINDING PERCENTAGE from the amount of points that you COULD HAVE EARNED and then assigning a typical grade distribution as follows:

90-100% =A

80-89% =B

70-79% =C

60-69% =D

Below 60%=F

There is a possibility of the instructor using a slight curve depending on final grade distributions at the end of the course. The curve would be designed to help the student.

NO-SHOW PROCEDURE

Any student who does not attend class prior to the start of the no-show period for each part of term will be withdrawn by the instructor as a no-show. For online students, that means you must complete and submit your first week’s assignment. This will count as an attempt in the class, and students will be liable for tuition. If your plans have changed and you will not be attending this class, please withdraw yourself through your Atlas account during the drop period for this part of term.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

Even though this is an online class, each student is expected to treat each other as well as the professor with courtesy and respect. There will be no tolerance for disrespect towards any other student or the professor. When responding to another students’ post, you may respectfully agree or disagree but you are not permitted to ridicule or belittle anyone in your comments, or shared messages within this class.

STANDARDS OF CLASSROOM CONDUCT:

Valencia College is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning and to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia College, a student assumes the responsibility for becoming familiar with and abiding by the general rules of conduct as listed in 6Hx28:8-03 and the Student Handbook. Even though Faculty manage the classroom environment, the primary responsibility for maintaining a respectful and civil learning environment rests with the students. Students who violate the Student Code of Conduct may be referred to the Dean of Student’s Office for disciplinary action, which may result in a sanction up to and including expulsion. http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy

POLICIES ATTENDANCE FOR ONLINE STUDENTS:

You must submit a minimum of one assignment for attendance which includes the quiz and discussion each week to meet the attendance requirement. Missing the equivalent of more than 3 weeks of classes for any reason, other than absences excused in accordance with Valencia’s polices or in case of documented emergencies, is excessive and is a basis for withdrawal.

Since this is an online class, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR DISCUSSION AND YOUR WEEKLY QUIZ by the due date of SATURDAY AT 11:59 pm. Your first assignment will be due this Saturday, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 at 11:59 PM to be counted for a grade however if you submit the assignment by September 3, 2017, although it will not count as a grade, the student will not be deemed as a NO SHOW. Your attendance will be dependent upon your weekly submissions.

IF you miss an assignment, it will be counted as an absence.

MAKEUP POLICY:

If a student does miss the deadline of an assignment, there will be no makeup allowed. All quizzes, discussions and examinations are to be taken on the date and time specified. No makeup tests are available without explicit consent of the instructor which may be allowed in cases of documented student emergencies. For student emergencies, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor and provide documentation within one week unless special arrangements have been made previously. Please note that college policy requires that students take the final exam at the scheduled examination time. Failure to take the final exam at the scheduled time will result in a failing grade for the course, unless arrangements have been made for a make-up exam in accordance with college policy.

IF A STUDENT HAS ACCESSED ANY EXAM OR QUIZ AND THEY ARE SHUT OUT FOR WHATEVER REASON, OR TIMED OUT, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ACCESS THAT PARTICULAR EXAM OR QUIZ AGAIN. In addition, if you miss the deadline to access the materials for that week, you will not be granted access once the week’s deadline has been reached.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Each student is required to follow Valencia policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states “group project”. Any act of academic dishonesty will be handled in accordance with Valencia policy as set forth in the Student Handbook and Catalog.

COLLEGE POLICIES:

A full description of all college policies can be found in the College Catalog at <http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/>; Policy Manual at <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel>/; and the Student Handbook at <http://valenciacollege.edu/studentev/CampusInformation> Services

WITHDRAWAL:

Per Valencia Policy 4-07, (Academic Progress, course Attendance and Grades and Withdrawals), a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a “W”. A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline of November 10, 2017 at 11:59 pm if they are going to receive a “W”. See Important Dates below for the Withdrawal Deadline for your part of this course. A student who is withdrawn by faculty for violation of the class attendance policy will receive a grade of “W”. Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of “F”. For a complete policy and procedure overview on Valencia policy 6Hx28:4-07, please go to: http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: Valencia College is interested in making sure all of our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work. Bay Care Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800)878-5470. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.

OFFICE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES INFORMATION:

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office of Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Full term: Classes begin August 28, 2017

Drop/Refund/ No Show Deadline 11:59 PM September 5, 2017

Withdrawal deadline for W grade is 11:59 PM November 10, 2017

Classes do not meet:

September 4, 2017

November 22-26, 2017

December 10, 2017 Classes End

December 11-17, 2017 Final Exams

See College calendar for important dates and final exam date and time <http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar>/FinalExam.cfm

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT:

Information contained in the syllabus was to the best knowledge of the Professor considered correct and complete when distributed for use at the beginning of the contract between Valencia Community College and any student. The Professor reserves the right, acting within the policies of Valencia community college to make changes in the course content or instructional techniques with reasonable notices to the student. It is the responsibility of the student to make any adjustments as announced.

REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENTS:

WEEK 1 AUGUST 28, 2017 CHAPTER 1

READ SYLLABUS QUIZ 1

THE NATURE, PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF CRIMINAL LAW DISCUSSION 1

WEEK 2 SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 CHAPTER 2

CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS QUIZ 2

DISCUSSION 2

WEEK 3 SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 CHAPTER 3

PUNISHMENT AND SENTENCING QUIZ 3

DISCUSSION 3

WEEK 4 SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 CHAPTER 4

ACTUS REUS QUIZ 4

DISCUSSION 4

WEEK 5 SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 CHAPTER 5

MENS REA QUIZ 5

DISCUSSION 5

WEEK 6 OCTOBER 1, 2017 CHAPTER 6

PARTIES TO A CRIME QUIZ 6

DISCUSSION 6

WEEK 7 OCTOBER 8, 2017 CHAPTER 7 & 8

ATTEMPT, CONSPIRACY & SOLICITATION QUIZ 7 & 8

JUSTIFICATIONS DISCUSSION 7 & 8

WEEK 8 OCTOBER 15, 2017 MID-TERM EXAM

WEEK 9 OCTOBER 22, 2017 CHAPTER 9

EXCUSES QUIZ 9

DISCUSSION 9

WEEK 10 OCTOBER 29,2017 CHAPTER 10

HOMICIDE QUIZ 10

DISCUSSION 10

WEEK 11 NOVEMBER 5, 2017 CHAPTER 11

SEXUAL BATTERY QUIZ 11

DISCUSSION 11

WEEK 12 NOVEMBER 12, 2017 CHAPTER 12

BURGLARY AND ARSON QUIZ 12

DISCUSSION 12

WEEK 13 NOVEMBER 19, 2017 CHAPTER 13

PROPERTY CRIMES QUIZ 13

DISCUSSION 13

WEEK 14 NOVEMBER 26, 2017 CHAPTER 14

WHITE- COLLAR CRIME QUIZ 14

DISCUSSION 14

WEEK 15 DECEMBER 3, 2017 CHAPTER 15 & 16

CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER QUIZ 15&16

CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE DISCUSSION 15 & 16

WEEK 16 DECEMBER 10, 2017 FINAL EXAM

EXAM WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2017