

**AJ 50 Course Outline as of Fall 2010****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: AJ 50

Title: ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW

Full Title: Advanced Criminal Law

Last Reviewed: 5/12/2008

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	17.5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Course Completion of AJ 22

**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit:

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the essential elements of criminal statutes discussed Part I (crimes against persons) and Part II (crimes against property) crimes within the Uniform Crime Reporting Act.
2. Review essential elements of California criminal statutes.
3. Analyze scenarios for violations of California law.
4. Apply California law, including the laws of arrest, to scenarios.
5. Identify the essential elements of criminal statutes of crimes against children.
6. Identify the essential elements of criminal statutes of sexual offenses or behavior.
7. Identify the essential elements of criminal statutes of crimes involving controlled substances.
8. Identify the essential elements of criminal statutes of crimes involving illegal weapons.
9. Identify the essential elements of criminal statutes of crimes pertaining to vehicles.

### **Topics and Scope:**

#### **I. Property crimes**

A. Thefts, unlawful appropriations, stolen property crimes related to identifying marks and serial numbers

B. Embezzlement, forgery, and credit and access card crimes

C. Trespasses, vandalism, burglaries, and burglary tools

D. Arson and crimes related to arson

#### **II. Crimes against persons**

A. Stalking, threats, assaults, batteries, felony batteries, assaults with weapons, and spousal abuse crimes

B. Extortion and robbery

C. False imprisonment, child abduction, kidnapping, and carjacking

D. Homicides and criminal homicides

#### **III. General criminal statutes**

A. Disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, riots, lynchings, public nuisances, and crimes against public morals and decency

- B. Crimes by public officials
- C. Crimes against public officials and officers
- D. False reports and perjuries
- E. Crimes involving witnesses, victims, and court orders
- IV. Crimes against children
  - A. Child endangerment and abuse
  - B. Sexual offenses against or involving children
  - C. Child abuse reporting requirements
- V. Criminal sexual offenses or behavior
  - A. Sexual batteries
  - B. Rape and spousal rape
  - C. Sex offender registration laws
- VI. Crimes involving controlled substances
  - A. Definitions of controlled substances
  - B. Federal and state controlled substance schedules
  - C. Possession, transportation and sale of controlled substances
  - D. Crimes related to the manufacturing of controlled substances
- VIII. Weapons law
  - A. Definition unique to federal and state laws
  - B. Crimes related to possessing deadly and prohibited weapons
  - C. Laws and crimes related to the storage and carrying loaded and concealed weapons
  - D. Laws and crimes related to assault weapons
- IX. Laws pertaining to vehicles
  - A. Common definitions
  - B. Laws involving ownership, licensing, and registration
  - C. Crimes involving driving under the influence
  - D. Common moving violations
  - E. Common equipment violations

### Assignment:

1. Weekly reading of applicable California legal codes and preparation for class discussion
2. Written analysis of specific observed scenarios and/or current events
3. Objective examinations
4. Research California case law and reporting

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Analytical paper and case law report
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Writing 30 - 40%
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**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Projects graded on problem solving
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Problem solving 10 - 15%
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**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Objective exams (multiple choice, etc.) that include essay questions

Exams  
50 - 55%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

1. California Penal Code, current edition
2. California Criminal Law Manual; Hunt, Derald; Burgess Publishing Company, current edition
3. Instructor prepared materials