

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: AJ 50

Title: CRIMINAL LAW

Full Title: 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:

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Course Completion of AJ 22

**Recommended Preparation:**  
Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.

**Limits on Enrollment:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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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>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1981	Inactive: Fall 2010
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

1. Students will be able to list the essential elements or corpus delicti of each criminal statute studied during the course and identify the statute by the known numerical code section.
2. Students will be able to research and explain case law decisions interpreting selected criminal statutes studied during the course.
3. Given word-picture scenarios and other hypothetical situations in written form, students will be to identify whether or not a crime has occurred given the statutes covered in Learning Domain #6 (Property Crimes); #7 (Crimes Against Persons); #8 (General Criminal Statutes); #9 (Crimes Against Children); #10 (Sex Crimes); #39 (Crimes Against The Justice System); and #40 (Weapons Violations) of the Basic Law Enforcement Course Curriculum mandated by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.).
4. Given word-picture scenarios and other hypothetical situations in written form, students will be able to identify whether or not an arrest can be accomplished for violation of the law.

### **Topics and Scope:**

#### **I. Property Crimes**

- A. Theft (484, 484d-484j, 487, 488 P.C.)-(LD 6A)
- B. Defrauding an Innkeeper (537 P.C.)(LD 6B)
- C. Appropriation of lost property (LD 6C)
- D. Vehicle theft/Joyriding (487h & 499b P.C., 10851 CVC LD 6P)
- E. Embezzlement (503 & 514 PC)(LD 6D)
- F. Forgery (470 P.C.)(LE 6E)
- G. Issuing Checks with intent to Defraud (LD 6Q)

H. Trespassing (601, 602; 602L, 602.1, & 602.5 P.C.)(LD 6FR4)

I. Burglary (459 P.C.)(LD 6G)

J. Possession of Burglary Tools 466 P.C. LD H

K. Alteration of Serial Numbers (537e, Subsections 1,2,3,6,&9 PC)(LD6I)

L. Receiving Stolen Property (496 P.C.)(LD 6J)

M. Vandalism (594 & 594.3 P.C.)(LD 6K)

N. Cruelty to Animals(597 P.C.)(LD 6L)

O. Arson (451, 451a & 452 P.C.)(LD6 0, LD 6 M)

P. Possession of a Firebomb (453 P.C.)(LD 6N)

Q. Attempted Arson (455 P.C.)(LD 6O)

R. Repossession Law 97522, 7532, & 7533 B&P)(LD 6R)

S. Unlawful Repossession (481, 602 & 603 P.C.)(8.28.1)

T. Landlord/Tenant Dispute

II. Crimes Against Persons

A. Extortion (518 & 520 P.C.)(LD 7A)

B. Assault (240 & 241 P.C.)(LD 7B)

C. Battery (242, 243 & 243.5 P.C.)(LD 7C)

D. Assault with a Deadly Weapon (245 P.C.)(LD 7D)

E. Mayhem (203 & 205 P.C.)(LD 7E)

F. Spousal/Cohabitation Abuse (273.5 P.C.)(LD 7F)

G. Robbery (LD 7G)(211 & 212.5 P.C.)

H. Carjacking (LD 7P)(215 P.C.)

I. Kidnapping/false imprisonment (207, 208, 209, 236 & 237P.C.)(LD 7H)

J. Aiding a suicide (401 P.C.)(3.27.1)(LD 7I)

K. Murder (198 & 189 P.C.)(LD 7J)

L. Manslaughter (191.5 & 192 P.C.)(LD 7L)

M. Excusable/Justifiable Homicide (195, 196 & 197 P.C.)

N. Crime against elders and dependent adults (P.C. 368(a), 368(b), 368(c)) (LD 7M).

O. Child Abduction (277, 278.5 P.C.)(LD 7N)

P. Stalking (646.9 P.C.)(LD 7O)

Q. Terrorist threats (P.C. 422)

R. Attempts to commit crime (21a P.C.)(664 P.C.)(LD 8A)

III. General Criminal Statutes

A. Conspiracy (182 P.C.)(LD 8A)

B. Solicitation (LD 8B)

C. Disturbing the Peace (415 P.C.)(LD 8C)

D. Disorderly conduct (LD 8D)

E. Public Nuisance ((370, 372, 373a P.C.)(LD 8E)

IV. Crimes Against Children (LD 9)

A. Child Endangerment (273a P.C.)(LD 9A)

B. Child Abuse (273d P.C.)(LD 9B)

C. Exigency Entry in Child Endangerment/Abuse Violations (Case Law)(LD 9C)

D. Lewd acts upon a child (288(a),(b)&(c)P.C.)(LD 9D)

E. Annoying or Molesting a Child (647.6 P.C.)(LD 9E)

F. Child Pornography-(311.11 P.C.)(LD 9F)

G. Unlawful Sexual Intercourse-(261.5 P.C.)(LD 9G)

H. Child abuse reporting requirements (LD 9H)

V. Sex Crimes

A. Rape (261. P.C.)(LD 10G)  
B. Spousal Rape (262 P.C.)(LD 10H)  
C. Oral Copulation (288a(b)(1), (c),(d),(f),(g),&(i) P.C.)(LD 10C)  
D. Sodomy (286(b)(1),(c),(d),(f),(g)&(i) P.C.)(LD 10D)  
E. Penetration with a Foreign Object (289(a),(b) & (e) P.C.) (LD 10I)  
F. Incest (285 P.C.)(LD 10E)  
G. Indecent Exposure (314.1 P.C.)(LD 10B)  
H. Sex Offender Registration-(290(a),(f) & (g) P.C.)(LD 10F)  
I. Sexual Battery (243.4(a) & (d) P.C.)(LD 10J)  
J. Assault With Intent to Commit Certain Felonies (LD 10A)  
VI. Crimes Against the Justice System LD 39  
A. Bribery (67 & 68 P.C.)(LD 39A)  
B. Perjury (118 & 126 P.C.)(LD 39B)  
C. Impersonation of an Officer (146a & 538d P.C.)(LD 39C)  
D. Threatening/Obstructing an Officer (69.71,148(a)-(d)P.C.)(LD39D)  
E. Filing a False Police Report (148.3, 184.5 P.C.)(LD 39E)  
F. False Information to Peace Officer(148.9 & 529P.C.31CVC)(LD 39K)  
G. Violation of Court Order (166(a)4 & 166(c)4 P.C.)(LD39M)  
H. Unlawful Assembly (407 P.C. & 416 P.C.)(LD39G)  
I. Failure to Disperse, Order (409 & 416 P.C.)(LD39H)  
J. Rout, Riot, inciting to Riot (404, 404.6, 406 P.C.)(LD39I)  
K. Rescue, Escape, Lynching (405a,405b,836.6(b) and 4550 PC)(LD39J)  
L. Intimidation of a Victim/Witness(136.1,139 & 140 P.C.)(LD 39L)  
M. False Report Of An Emergency (LD 39N)  
N. False Report Of A Destructive Device (LD 39O)  
O. Refusal To Aid An Officer  
VIII. Weapons Violations  
A. Possession of Deadly Weapons (12020 P.C.)(LD 40D)  
B. Definition of Firearms (12001 P.C.)(LD 40 O)  
C. Prohibited Possession of Firearms (12021 & 12021.5 P.C.)(LD 40E)  
D. Carrying a Concealed Weapon (12025 P.C.)(LD 40F)  
E. Carrying a Loaded Firearm (12031 P.C.)(LD 40G)  
F. Assault Weapons (LD 40N)  
G. Altering Marks on a Firearm (12090 P.C.)(LD 40H)  
H. Unsafe storage of firearm (12035 P.C.)(LD 40M)  
I. Exceptions to Possession of Concealed Firearm (LD 40K)  
J. Weapons on School Grounds (626.9, 629.95 & 626.10 P.C.)(LD 40J)  
K. Possession of Switchblade (653K P.C.)(LD 40C)  
L. Possession of Tear Gas - (P.C. 12420)(LD 40I)  
M. Possession of weapons/tear gas in state or local public building(1716 P.C.)(LD 40P)  
N. Possession of deadly weapon with intent to assault(PC467)(LD40L)  
O. Brandishing a weapon P.C.417(a)(1), 417(a)(2), 417(b), 417(c),

417.1,417.3,417.4,417.8,417.25 and 12034(a),(b)&(c)

P.C.)(LD40A)

P. Shooting at an inhabited dwelling (246, 246.3, 247 P.C(LD 40B)

Q. Possession Of Certain Controlled Substances While Armed

R. Possession Of A Weapon In A Public Building (LD 40P)

S. Negligent Discharge Of A Firearm LD 40R

T. Possession Of A Firearm With Intent To Commit A Felony (LD 40S)

### Assignment:

1. Word-picture scenarios and other hypothetical situations in written form covering corpus delicti of identified crimes, identifying appropriate criminal statutes to use in particular crime situations, examination of lesser and included offenses, and given the crime classification whether or not an appropriate peace officer or citizen arrest can be made.
2. Given the title of the crime, identify the numerical statute code section for the crime, and visa versa.
3. Word-picture scenarios and other hypothetical situations in written form covering assigned past and current appellate decisions interpreting criminal statutes.
4. Completion of a workbook provided by the P.O.S.T. Commission on Learning Domains covered in the Basic Law Enforcement Course.

### 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.

Written homework

Writing  
5 - 20%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework problems, Quizzes, Exams

Problem solving  
5 - 20%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances

Skill Demonstrations  
10 - 20%

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

Multiple choice, True/false, Completion

Exams  
30 - 70%

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

None
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Other Category 0 - 0%
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**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, Basic Law Enforcement Course Learning Domain Workbooks, Learning Domains 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 39 and 40.

Payton, George, PEACE OFFICERS GUIDE TO CRIMINAL LAW, Current Edition, Criminal Justice Services, San Jose, 1996.

Hunt, Derald, CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL LAW MANUAL, Current Edition, Burgess Publishing Company, Minnesota, 1996.

California Penal Code, Current Edition.