

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 104
Introduction to Criminal Law

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Please note that that this is a "Hybrid Learning" class environment. This means that this class meets only on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, during the remainder of the week this class is conducted either "on-line" or with outside class assignments. SEE THE "SPECIAL INSTRUCTION" SHEET (which will be handed out in class) FOR DIRECTIONS TO GETTING ON THE "VISTA" WEBSITE WHERE THE ONLINE SECTION OF THIS CLASS IS CONDUCTED. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course deals extensively with the historical development and content of the criminal law in this country and the state of Washington. It will introduce the student to criminal law in general; the purpose, scope and sources of criminal law; essential elements of a crime; criminal liability; criminal responsibility and the capacity to commit a crime; defenses that seek to justify the use of force; other criminal defenses; criminal punishment; criminal jurisdiction; decision making by the Supreme Court, and the limits of free speech. Crimes against the person, crimes against property sex crimes, and other common offenses within the Revised Code of Washington will also be discussed, with special regard to the appropriate elements of the criminal law pertaining to such crimes. In addition, the course will explore the Criminal Law from the standpoint of average citizen to whom the law is commonly being applied. It will answer such questions as; When can a police officer make an arrest? Is it a good idea to talk to the police if you are a criminal suspect? When can an officer search your person or vehicle or both? When is a police officer liable for his or her behavior?

COURSE EXAMINATIONS

There will be three (3) examinations administered for this class. **THE DATES OF THE EXAMS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:** Exam one will be held on Thursday, JANUARY 24TH, exam two will be held on Thursday FEBRUARY 14TH and exam three will be held on Thursday MARCH 13TH. Exam dates and other important information can also be located in the class website on the Bulletin Board and the Calendar, please check these sites regularly. Please note that the subject matter for each exam will consist of the material we covered from the text, the RCW and your class notes. You will be notified in

advance on the class website what chapters to read in your text and what statutes to review from the RCW.

Each exam is valued at 100 points. **HOWEVER, THE AVERAGE OF THE THREE EXAMS WILL CONSTITUTE ONLY 75% OF YOUR GRADE. THE OTHER 25% OF YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SCORE YOU RECEIVE ON YOUR MID-TERM PAPER WHICH MUST BE POSTED ON THE CLASS WEBSITE BY MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.**

THE MID TERM PAPER : Please note that this paper must be submitted to the **TERM PAPER** module on the class website by midnight on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.**

YOUR INSTRUCTOR WILL ASSIGN A LIST OF TOPICS YOU CAN CHOSE FROM FOR THIS MID TERM PAPER ASSIGNMENT. YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS LIST ON THE WEBSITE BY THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK OF CLASS, WHICH IS JANUARY 10TH.

(FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS WRITING ASSIGNMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL AS THE CLASS PROGRESSES, IN ADDITION THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS PAPER WILL BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE CLASS WEBSITE) The paper will be graded on its content, attention to grammar, spelling, and its structure. In addition, it will be typed, at least five (5) pages in length, and double spaced. It will also be stapled together **without** a cover. (cover sheets are fine). **MOST IMPORTANT FOR A PROPER PAPER IS THAT IT MUST ADHERE TO "APA" STANDARDS FOR REFERENCING AND CITING WORKS IN THE BODY OF THE PAPER. IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THESE STANDARDS YOU CAN EITHER PURCHASE A BOOKLET OF INFORMATION FROM THE BOOKSTORE OR LOOK THEM UP ON ANY WEB BROWSER.**

EXTRA CREDIT OPTIONS:

There are several ways to earn extra credit points during this course. The **first** is in class "Big L" points. These points are acquired each time you respond to a question during class that substantially contributes to presentation of the course subject matter. (This usually means you have prepared yourself by reading the text, doing the assignments, and/or researching relevant material). **Second**, is to post on the **"bulletin board" (this means on the class website)** a response to an **extra credit topic**. These topics are given out in class so be sure to listen carefully for them. Here is the procedure you must adhere to in order to receive credit for your postings. 1. research the topic, (on line will do) write a paragraph or two describing what information you have found and state your opinion of it. 2. post (on the class website "bulletin board") the paragraph and the article, link, or reference you have located. If your posting is noteworthy for the class, (something I decide), I will respond to you in the Vista "email" site (which goes to you personally) with the instructions **"print and bring"** your postings. You will then bring the posting to the next class session and turn it in to me. All "Big L" and

extra credit points are cumulative grade points, this means that after your exams are averaged these points are added to your score. Yes, that's right, you could score only C's on your exams and still earn an A for the course, it all depends on how much work you are willing to do. I "usually" only respond to the first three postings regarding a given topic so do not hesitate to post your findings as quickly as possible after the topic is announced. If you have questions regarding extra credit points please feel free to ask them in class at any time.

ASSIGNMENTS: "IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THIS SECTION"

There will be **six (6) two page assignments for this class. You must do at least five (5) of them and each of those must be submitted by their due date and time.** If you fail to do **at least five (5) of these** assignments, which are short **THREE (3) page** papers, you will be given a grade of **F for the class regardless of how you scored on your exams or your mid-term paper. THE ASSIGNMENTS AND THEIR DUE DATES AND TIMES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE UNDER THE "TWO PAGE ASSIGNMENTS" ICON BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THEM, HERE THEY ARE. EACH ASSIGNMENT MUST BE POSTED BY MIDNIGHT ON THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS: January 24th and 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.** I highly recommend that you take these assignments seriously. If you are not sure about these instructions ask me in class. If your assignment does not meet the class standards, meaning it is not written properly or doesn't cover the material or is plagiarized, you will not be given credit for the submittal... Yes, this means you can only afford to mess up **ONE PAPER**. However, they are relatively simple papers to do and I do not expect you will have much trouble. The computer keeps score of these papers and will automatically fail you if you do not attend to them in a regular and timely fashion.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SUBMISSION:

Please note that I cannot open papers you submit if the attachment is not correct. I can only view in Vista documents that end in .DOC (Word Document) or .RTF (Rich Text Format). **Do not use the format .docx or .wps**

"PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PAPER SUBMISSIONS": For submission of an assignment OR term paper, you must following these directions:

1. Save your paper to a file.
2. The file must be in .doc or .rtf format only
3. In VISTA, select "ADD ATTACHMENTS"
4. Select the "COMPUTER ICON" to attach file.
5. Select the file you need to attach.
6. Select "ATTACH FILE"
7. Select "SUBMIT."

MORE EXTRA CREDIT:

For those of you who really want to build good grade insurance I have one more option, it is called **service learning**. This will require you to work at least 10 hours for a volunteer program (you can choose from a list of programs in the area or find one of your own). After you finish the service you will write a short paper describing what your experience and what you learned from it. Service learning can earn you five (5) extra credit points. If you are interested in the details of this option ask me anytime, even during class.

ATTENDANCE:

I do not take attendance. I believe your education is "your" responsibility.

**** Please note****, past experience has repeatedly demonstrated that it is "extremely" difficult if not totally impossible to pass this course without regular attendance on lecture days, that is Tuesdays and Thursdays.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Contemporary Criminal Law: Concepts, Cases, and Controversies. Mathew Lippman, Sage Publishing.

Revised Code of Washington, (ASK ME FOR DETAILS BEFORE YOU BUY ONE)

GRADING POLICY:

A	=	100-97%	C+	=	80-77%
A-	=	96-93%	C	=	76-73%
B+	=	92-89%	C-	=	72-69%
B	=	88-85%	D+	=	68-65%
B-	=	84-81%	D	=	64-61%
			F	=	60% OR LESS

UNLESS YOU HAVE NOTIFIED ME AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE, A MISSED EXAM WILL BE SCORED AS A ZERO AND AVERAGED INTO YOUR GRADE.

IF YOU HAVE "ANY" QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CLASS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK THEM IN OR OUT OF CLASS.