

Criminal Law Syllabus

Empire School of Law
SPRING 2010-SUMMER 2010

- COURSE NUMBER:** F120C/S120C
- PROFESSOR:** David Carr (415) 703-5538 David.Carr@doj.ca.gov
- TIME:** Tuesdays, 6:15-9:15 p.m.
- UNITS:** 6 units/90 hours—3 units/45 hours per semester
- TEXT:** *Criminal Law and Procedure*, Boyce & Perkins, Foundation Press, 10th Ed. ISBN# 9781599412481
- GRADING:** The semester grade will be drawn from a single 3 hour exam, consisting of 2 one hour essay questions and a series of multiple-choice questions drawn from the criminal law portion of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE's). The essay portions of the exam will count for 76% of the total grade; the MBE's will make up 24% of the final grade.
- ATTENDANCE:** Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the successful completion of law school. Students should plan to attend every class. Students must attend a **minimum of 80% (36 hours — 12 of 15 classes)** of the class sessions during each semester to satisfy State Bar education requirements. Roll will be taken at each class.
- CLASS REQUIREMENTS:** You are expected to brief each of the cases assigned at the preceeding week's class. A general outline of the readings is attached. The particulars of case briefing will be discussed at the first class meeting. **READ AND PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE FIRST 8 CASES IN THE TEXT FOR THE FIRST CLASS.**
- PREREQUISITES:** Introduction To Law and Legal Research & Writing

Reading Assignments—Criminal Law SPRING 2010

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- WEEK 1: CHAPTER 1: CRIMINALIZATION, DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATION
Section:
1. Nature and Purpose of the Criminal Law
2. Moral and Constitutional Limits
3. Classification
- WEEKS 2-4 CHAPTER 2: OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON
Section:
1. Homicide
2. Assault and Battery
3. Other Offenses Against the Person
- WEEK 5-6: CHAPTER 3: REAL PROPERTY OFFENSES
1. Burglary
2. Arson
- WEEKS 7-11: CHAPTER 4: OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONAL PROPERTY
Section:
1. Larceny
2. Robbery
3. Embezzlement
4. False Pretenses
5. Theft
6. Receiving (or Concealing) Stolen Property
7. Computer Crime
8. Malicious Mischief
9. Forgery and Uttering a Forged Instrument
10. Counterfeiting
11. Extortion
- WEEKS 12-13: CHAPTER 5: OTHER OFFENSES
Section:
1. Offenses Against Morality and Decency
2. Offenses Against the Public Peace
3. Offenses Affecting Sovereignty or the Administration of Governmental Functions
CHAPTER 6: IMPUTIBILITY
Section:
1. The Necessity of an Act
2. The Necessity of an Act
3. Attempt and Kindred Problems
4. Negative Acts
5. Conspiracy
- WEEK 14: Review

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WEEKS 1 – 2	CHAPTER 6: IMPUTABILITY (cont'd.) Section: 6. Agency 7. Incorporation
WEEKS 3 – 4	CHAPTER 6: IMPUTABILITY (cont'd.) Section: 8. Parties to Crime 9. Causation
WEEK 5	CHAPTER 7: RESPONSIBILITY—IN GENERAL Section: 1. Mens Rea 2. Criminal Negligence 3. Specific Intent 4. Other Particular States of Mind
WEEK 6	CHAPTER 7: RESPONSIBILITY—IN GENERAL (cont'd.) Section: 5. Strict Liability 6. Unlawful Conduct 7. Transferred Intent
WEEK 7	CHAPTER 7: RESPONSIBILITY—IN GENERAL (cont'd.) Section: 8. Motive 9. Concurrence of Mens Rea and Actus Rhus CHAPTER 8: RESPONSIBILITY, LIMITATIONS ON CRIMINAL CAPACITY Section: 1. Mental Disease or Defect (Insanity) 2. Intoxication
WEEK 8	CHAPTER 8: RESPONSIBILITY—LIMITATIONS ON CRIMINAL CAPACITY (cont'd.) Section: CHAPTER 9: RESPONSIBILITY—MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES Section: 1. Ignorance or Mistake
WEEK 9	CHAPTER 9: RESPONSIBILITY—MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES (Cont'd.) Section: 1. Ignorance or Mistake (continued) 2. Impelled Perpetration

- WEEK 10 CHAPTER 9: RESPONSIBILITY—MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES (Cont'd.)
Section:
 3. Consent of the Other Party
 4. Guilt of the Injured Party
 5. Conduct of the Injured Party
 6. Condonation by Injured Party
- WEEK 11 CHAPTER 10: SPECIAL DEFENSES
Section:
 1. Public Authority
 2. Domestic Authority
 3. Prevention of Crime
 4. Self Defense
- WEEK 12 CHAPTER 10: SPECIAL DEFENSES (cont'd.)
Section:
 4. Self Defense (continued)
 5. Defense of Others
 6. Defense of Habituation
- WEEK 13 CHAPTER 10: SPECIAL DEFENSES (cont'd.)
Section:
 7. Defense of Property
 8. Entrapment
- WEEK 14: Review