

# **FAILURE TO READ IS NOT A DEFENSE!**

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **CRIMINAL LAW (CJ 6A)**

**MWF 8-8:50**

**INSTRUCTOR - CURT L. KUBALL  
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General Aspects of California Criminal Law

Laws of Arrest

Homicide

Miscellaneous Crimes

**\*\*\*\*Subjects Covered are Changeable at Instructor's Discretion**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is expected so as to gain full benefit from this course. See the College Catalog for the specific policy. Leaving class without permission after attendance has been taken constitutes an absence for that day.

#### **DROP DEADLINE FOR THIS COURSE**

October 15, 1999

#### **GRADING**

Grades will be based on quizzes (100 points), a mid-term examination (100 points) and a final examination (300 points).

For students to determine where they stand at any given time, they should total the number of points possible for the tests and/or quizzes they have already taken. This number should then be multiplied by .60 (60%). If the number of points that the student has received equals or is higher than the results, he/she is passing; if not, he/she is failing.

To determine the final grade:

450-500+ points = A  
400-449 points = B  
350-399 points = C  
300-349 points = D  
299 points and below = F

Students can earn extra credit (up to a maximum of 100 points) by taking optional open-book quizzes (for a maximum of 50 points each) on books selected by this instructor which are relevant to this course. The books currently approved are *The Blooding* by Joseph Wambaugh and/or *The Secrets of Harry Bright* by Joseph Wambaugh.

Optional open-book quiz date \_\_\_\_\_

Second optional open book quiz date \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be NO make-ups for these optional quizzes.**

Students may also possibly earn extra credit (up to a maximum of 50 points) by completing a case brief pertinent to this course. Case briefs will be assigned by this instructor upon request.

Optional case brief due date \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be NO case briefs accepted after this date.**

**REQUIRED TEXT BOOKS**

1. *Peace Officer's Guide to Criminal Law* by George T. Payton
2. *California Penal Code* - latest edition
3. *Law Dictionary for Non-Lawyers* (3rd edition)

**OBJECTIVE OF THIS COURSE**

See College Catalog course description

**EXAMS**

1. Exams and/or quizzes may include the following types of questions:
  - a. multiple choice
  - b. true and false
  - c. matching
  - d. fill-ins
  - e. identification
  - f. essay
2. There will be 3 to 5 quizzes given during the semester.
3. There will be a mid-term examination.
4. There will be a cumulative final examination. For date and time, check your Schedule of Courses.

For all exams and/or quizzes, the **student** is responsible for all reading assignments, lecture notes, handouts and material presented on the blackboard.

**OFFICE HOURS**

MWF 12-1

TTh 10-11