

I. EXAMINATIONS AND GRADES

Each student will receive a numeric grade for the course. The final course grade will consist of two closed-book examinations administered during the semester: a midterm (during a regularly scheduled class time) and a three-hour, "closed book" final examination. You may be tested on any material assigned in the casebook, as well as any material covered in class discussions. Final grades will be based on the midterm (20%), the final examination (70%), and participation (10%).

Participation: 10% of your final grade will be based on your preparation for class, your class attendance, your class participation, and any extra-curricular attendance/participation in CLPC-sponsored events.

II. CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to be present and ready to participate at each class, to be seated in class before the time the class is scheduled to begin, and to stay for the entire class period. A late arrival or early departure may be treated as an absence.

Students can be absent no more than two (2) class periods. Students who miss more than two (2) classes can be dismissed from the class, thus receiving a "0" for the course. See the WSCL Attendance Policy, reprinted in the Student Handbook.

Students must complete the assigned reading prior to class. All students are expected to engage in class discussion. Participation is key to making this class enjoyable, so I expect everyone to be prepared to intelligently discuss and critically evaluate that day's assignment in class. In particular, be prepared to discuss the pertinent facts, issues, law and court findings and rulings of each case. Merely reading from the casebook is not a proper presentation of the case. I use a combination of cold calling and volunteers for class discussion. For volunteer participation, I value quality over quantity, but being an active participant is important. All views are welcomed.

Cell phones must be turned off during class, and you may not access the internet during class unless I specifically request that you do so. No texting or tweeting, please. Students who violate this policy will forfeit the privilege of using a computer in class.

You must enroll in the course Lexis Blackboard page. Please check this site often for announcements and/or assignment updates. This site will be up and running prior to the first class session.

WEEK 3: Wednesday January 30

Mens Rea

pp. 199-209; 214-232

WEEK 4: Wednesday February 6

Homicide

pp. 235-239; 253-271; 285-292

WEEK 5: Wednesday February 13

Homicide

pp. 295-304; 315-321; 326-342

WEEK 6: Wednesday February 20

Theft Offenses

pp. 916-950 *

*BLACKBOARD: People v. Estes, 147 Cal.App.3d 23 (1983)

WEEK 7: Wednesday February 27

Catch-Up/Review; Midterm

WEEK 8: Wednesday March 6

Inchoate Crimes: Attempt; Solicitation

pp. 729-752; 758-765; 792-797

WEEK 9: SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES –

WEEK 10: Wednesday March 20

Inchoate Crimes: Abandonment; Assault; Conspiracy

pp. 786-792; 797-829

WEEK 11: Wednesday March 27

Accomplice Liability

pp. 848-871; 876-878

WEEK 12: Wednesday April 3

Defenses: Self-Defense; Defense of Others; Defense of Property

pp. 500-524; 549-559

WEEK 13: Wednesday April 10

Defenses: Necessity; Duress; Intoxication

pp. 560-566; 572-578; 583-587; 603-611 *

*BLACKBOARD: People v. Lovercamp, 43 Cal.App.3d 823 (1974)

WEEK 14: Wednesday April 17

Defenses: Insanity

pp. 611-642

WEEK 15: Wednesday April 24

Defenses: Infancy; Catch-Up/Review

pp. 672-679

FINAL EXAMINATION TBA ...

