

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AJ 102 Criminal Procedures

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Review of the Criminal Justice System; criminal procedures from incident to final disposition; principles of constitutional, federal and state laws as they apply to, and affect the administration of justice.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to

1. Identify the three major components of the criminal justice system and explain the role each of them play in the administration of justice.
2. Analyze word pictures depicting suspicious person, possible criminal activity, and criminal activity, and determine if the individuals involved could be lawfully detained arrested, or incarcerated.
3. Describe and apply the laws of arrest outlined in Penal Code Section 836 and 837.
4. Explain the various steps involved in criminal hearings, trials, and appeals.

5. Draw a flow chart of the criminal justice system for misdemeanors and felony crimes and explain the difference between the two.
6. Explain criminal and civil liability and its relationship with the criminal justice system.
7. Explain the difference between juvenile and adult criminal proceedings.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. Review of the criminal justice system
 - A. Police
 - B. Courts
 - C. Corrections
2. Review of the elements and level of crimes
 - A. Infractions, misdemeanors, felonies
 - B. Property crimes
 - C. People crimes
 - D. Crimes against the Criminal Justice system
3. Criminal and civil liability
 - A. Criminal Defenses
 - B. Tort law
 - C. Civil damages
4. Detention, arrest, and incarceration
 - A. Definitions of detention and arrest
 - B. Arrest laws
 1. PC 836
 2. PC 837
5. Arraignment and preliminary hearings
 - A. Function of arraignment
 1. Pleas
 2. Legal and Constitutional Rights
 3. Accusatory pleadings
 4. Venue and court of jurisdiction
 - B. Preliminary Hearings
 1. Purpose
 2. Legal requirements
 3. Process
6. Trial, sentencing, and appeal
 - A. Trial steps
 1. Jury selection
 2. Opening statements
 3. Prosecution case
 4. Defense case
 5. Jury instructions
 6. Verdict
 - B. Sentencing
 1. Legal requirements
 2. Methods
 3. Judicial options
 - C. Appeals
 1. Automatic appeals---death penalty cases
 2. Other appeals
 3. Legal requirements

7. Juvenile justice
 - A. Juvenile vs Adult justice
 - B. Legal steps in juvenile
 1. Juvenile rights
 2. Juvenile Detention
 3. Juvenile Incarceration
 4. Juvenile Trial

REQUIRED READING:

Rutledge, Kenneth. California Criminal Procedures. 3rd edition.
 Incline Village: Copperhouse, 1995.

SUGGESTED READING:

Five key cases relating to criminal proceedings.

REQUIRED WRITING:

The student will write a two page legal brief of five different cases involving key principles in the criminal justice process.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short term classes.

Visitation to criminal court building to watch a criminal hearing or trial.

Visitation to law library to research cases involving criminal proceedings

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

This course may be offered as a distance education course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply. (See guidelines for preparation for definitions.)

- telecourse
- mediated instruction
- computer assisted instruction

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Quizzes	20%
Midterm	25%
Final	25%
Briefs	20%
Participation	10%

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes _____ No Number of times course may be taken for
credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s)
55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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SIGNATURES:

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Course outlines of record should be reviewed regularly and revised as necessary.

NOTE: Some revisions to course outlines of record require Curriculum Committee approval, others may not. Please consult your dean or the Instruction Office if you need assistance.

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