

**PALOMAR COLLEGE**  
**COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR**  
**DEGREE CREDIT COURSE**

  X   Transfer Course   X   A.A. Degree applicable course  
(check all that apply)

**COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:** PLS 265 Criminal Law and Procedure

**UNIT VALUE:** 2

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS:** 32

**BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:** Appropriate language skills.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**PREREQUISITE:** LS 121 or PLS 121

**COREQUISITE:**

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:** ENG 100 and LS 150 or PLS 150

**SCOPE OF COURSE:**

An overview of substantive criminal law and the criminal justice process with an emphasis on criminal procedures through which criminal law is enforced.

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Successful students will

1. identify the purpose of criminal law and theories of punishment;
2. identify the elements of crimes;
3. explain the scope of defenses and constitutional rights;
4. analyze criminal procedures and sources of procedural law;
5. identify constitutional issues and protections;
6. compare and contrast pre-trial, trial, and post-trial procedures and judicial review.

**CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

1. Scope of substantive law.
2. Essential elements of crimes.
3. Scope of defenses and constitutional rights.
4. Crimes against a person and property.
5. Criminal procedure
6. Stages of prosecution, trial and judicial review.

**REQUIRED READING:**

Raymond, William and Daniel E Hall. California Criminal Law and Procedure. Albany: Thomson Learning, 1999.

**SUGGESTED READING:**

Israel, Yale L. Criminal Procedure and the Constitution. St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1995

**REQUIRED WRITING:**

Case briefs and legal memorandum setting forth legal analysis of an assigned legal issue. The length of the writings may range from one paragraph to several pages.

**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.**

Activities may include textbook readings, review of lecture notes, preparation of case briefs and legal memorandums, and a criminal court visitation and observation of arraignment, bail and plea.

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:****Check all that apply:**

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

**DISTANCE LEARNING:**

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

Yes  No

**If yes, check all that apply:**

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

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

A mid-term and a final test will be given during the semester. Each test will be equated on a basis of 100 points. Additionally, various writing assignments will be worth a total of 200 points. Final grades will be computed as follows:

90 X 400 points	= 360+	=	A
80 X 400 “	= 320+	=	B
70 X 400 “	= 280+	=	C
60 X 400 “	= 240+	=	D
	239-	=	F

Writing Assignments	50%
Midterm	25%
Final Exam	25%

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No X 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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