

**SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
CITY, AND MIRAMAR COLLEGES
ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSE OUTLINE**

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: Legal Assistant 150

COURSE TITLE: Criminal Litigation and Procedure

Units: 3
Grade Only

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The criminal court system, criminal investigation and prosecution, discovery and investigation, pretrial motions, trial preparation and procedures, and post-trial motions and relief. This course will provide students with an understanding of criminal litigation practice and procedure.

REQUISITES:

Limitation on Enrollment:

This course is not open to students with previous credit for ADJU 113 or BUSE 187

FIELD TRIP REQUIREMENTS: May be required

TRANSFER APPLICABILITY: Associate Degree Credit & transfer to CSU and/or private colleges and universities

TOTAL LECTURE HOURS: 48 - 54

TOTAL LAB HOURS:

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Know the process of getting a case through the criminal court system.
2. Understand the basic laws supporting criminal investigations and prosecution.
3. Prepare primary pretrial motions.
4. Demonstrate the ability to prepare bail documents.
5. Develop skills to interview clients and witnesses.
6. Participate in all aspects of trial preparation and procedures.
7. Provide support in drafting post-trial motions and relief.

SECTION II

1. COURSE OUTLINE AND SCOPE:

A. Outline Of Topics:

The following topics are included in the framework of the course but are not intended as limits on content. The order of presentation and relative emphasis will vary with each instructor.

- I. Introduction to the Criminal Justice System.
 - A. Substantive Criminal Law

- B. Penal Code
- C. Evidence
- II. Case Law
 - A. Appellate Court decisions
 - B. California Supreme Court decisions
 - C. U.S. Supreme Court decisions
- III. Federal and state constitutions
- IV. Criminal procedure
- V. Client interviews
 - A. Police reports
 - B. Witness interviews
- VI. Pretrial discovery
- VII. Pretrial motions
- VIII. Preliminary hearings
 - A. Arraignment
 - B. Pretrial hearings
 - C. Negotiated pleas
- IX. Trial preparation
 - A. Jury trial
- X. Sentencing
 - A. Procedure
 - B. Probation
- XI. Post trial motions
- XII. Appeals

B. Reading Assignments:

Reading assignments are required and may include but, are not limited to, the following:

- I. Selected readings from classroom text, to be combined with reading assignments from the American Law Reports, Federal, U. S. Codes Annotated, American, and Jurisprudence 2nd., State and Federal.

C. Appropriate Assignments that Demonstrate Critical Thinking:

Critical thinking assignments are required and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- I. Students will demonstrate critical thinking by analyzing case and statutory law and preparing legal writings that demonstrate critical thinking.

D. Appropriate Outside Assignments:

Outside assignments may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- I. Legal research and case analysis.

E. Writing Assignments:

Writing assignments are required and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- I. Students will analyze cases and prepare briefs and motions.

2. METHODS OF EVALUATION:

A student's grade will be based on multiple measures of performance unless the course requires no grade. Multiple measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- I. Evaluation procedures shall be developed by each instructor measuring paralegal competency and may include a midterm, final, quizzes and homework assignments.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Methods of instruction may include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Methods to be used may include lecture, discussion, small group activities, case studies, homework, and step-by-step instruction through supervised library assignments.

4. REQUIRED TEXTS AND SUPPLIES:

Textbooks may include, but are not limited to:

TEXTBOOKS:

1. RAYMOND. CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE W/CD, 1 ed. DELMA, ISBN: 0827379404

MANUALS:

PERIODICALS:

SOFTWARE:

SUPPLIES:

1. As deemed appropriate by the instructor.

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