

This class will examine the American Court system using California as a model. Emphasis will be on Criminal Law, but Civil Law and Juvenile Law will also be examined.

Reading:

This class will not have a textbook. Articles, statutes and cases will be handed out in class.

Exams:

There will be two midterms and a final exam. The focus will be on material covered in class via lecture, but students will be responsible for material included in the handouts as well. All tests will be open book/note.

Topics:

- Civil Law
 - purpose
 - procedure
- Criminal Law
 - purpose
 - procedure
- Liability
 - principles
 - accessories
- Sentencing
 - California Rules of Court
- Specific Crimes
 - homicide
 - narcotics
- Specific Parties
 - gang crimes
 - hate crimes
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Court Players
 - attorneys
 - judges
 - probation
 - victims
- Issues and Resolution
 - race
 - community
 - change