

COURTS AND SOCIETY
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE 103
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to explore the criminal justice system and how it functions in our society today. We will examine the courts from a variety of different perspectives including the defendants, victims, witnesses, prosecutors, judges, and juries. This course will delve into the historical background of the courts, but will focus primarily on the present day functionality. The roles of the various actors in court will be examined through the basic steps of the criminal case.

We will cover the entire process that a criminal defendant faces; starting with the arrest and booking, continuing through to the arraignment, pretrial and trial, and finishing with the sentencing and appeal process. This course will cover cases throughout the United States but will focus mainly on the California justice system.

The course will be taught as part lecture, and part Socratic method of questions and answers.

GRADING:

Factors that will be considered in a student's grade will be participation in class, and execution of assignments. There will be a number of short quizzes, 2 writing assignments, one courtroom observation trip, and the final exam. Papers should be approximately five pages in length. Specific requirements will be provided when the assignments are given.

REQUIRED TEXT:

America's Courts and the Criminal Justice System (7th Edition) by David W. Neubauer.
Additional Materials will be provided as the course proceeds.

COURSE OUTLINE OF ASSIGNMENTS AND DUE DATES

DATE	SUBJECT	ASSIGNMENTS DUE
1/23	Introduction Overview of the legal system	Read Chapter 1
1/28	Legal System, First paper given	Read Chapter 2
2/4	The American Courts Federal and State	Read Chapters 3 and 4
2/11	Pretrial Release: Bail and O.R.	Read Chapter 11 First Paper Due: 2/13
2/18	Beginning the Prosecution Arrest, Charging and Arraignment	Read Chapters 5 and 10
2/25	The role of the Prosecutor Second Paper Given	Read Chapter 6
3/4	The role of the Defendant, Counsel and victims	Read Chapters 7 and 9.
3/11	Evidence: Discovery, Suppression	Read Chapter 12 Second Paper Due: 3/13
3/18	Beginning the Trial Process Negotiations	Read Chapter 13
3/25	Spring Break!!!	No assignments given
4/1	Trial: The role of the judge Courtroom Observation Assignment	Read Chapter 8
4/8	Trial: The role of the Jury	Read Chapter 14
4/15	Sentencing: Role of Judge Probation officer and Counsel	Read Chapters 15 and 16
4/22	Appellate Procedures	Read Chapter 17
4/29	Juvenile Court, Drug Court	Read Chapter 19
5/6	Open for Review and Catch up	Courtroom Assignment Due
5/13	Review for Final	
5/17	Final Exam: 7:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	