



Course Syllabus

Course Title: Contemporary Law

Instructor Information:

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Available for conferencing: Before school most days and during my planning period.

Course Description:

Contemporary Law is a semester practicum in law-related education. Students will be provided with useful information and problem solving opportunities that develop their knowledge and skills necessary for survival in our society. Students will be involved in mock trials, case studies, small group exercises, and visual analysis activities. Students will have the opportunity to hear guest speakers and, if possible, visit courts and detention facilities.

Textbooks, Readings and Materials:

TEXTBOOK: Glencoe's *Street Law: A Course in Practical Law* (book cover required)

READINGS: Relevant supplemental reading material will be provided with each unit.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Notebook (3-ring binder recommended), pen, and pencil

Grading:

- A point system is used. All earned points are added up at the end of the grading period and divided by the total possible points. This is converted to a percent and the equivalent letter grade.

GRADING SCALE:	A+ 98-100 (4.0)	A 93-97 (4.0)	A- 90-92 (3.7)
	B+ 87-89 (3.3)	B 83-86 (3.0)	B- 80-82 (2.7)
	C+ 77-79 (2.3)	C 73-76 (2.0)	C- 70-72 (1.7)
	D+ 67-69 (1.3)	D/P 60-66 (1.0)	F 59 and lower (0)

- Types of assessments for which points are earned include: tests, quizzes, homework, in-class assignments, projects, participation and writings.

- I offer no curve on final quarter grades

- There will be occasional opportunities for extra credit

Class Expectations:

- NO PROFANITY!
- NO CELL PHONES!
- NO BAGS OR PURSES! You may have a pencil pouch.
- NO FOOD OR DRINKS!
- Be to class on time and in your seat when the bell rings.
- Come to class prepared to learn. (Pen/pencil, textbook, binder, etc.)
- Respect all ideas given in class and do not criticize anybody's ideas or thoughts. Put downs and derogatory comments will not be tolerated; this includes references to homosexuality, race, gender, religion, your peers, faculty, and staff.
- Be polite to each other. When the teacher or one of your peers is talking you should be listening.
- I dismiss you...not the bell. Stay in your seats until the bell rings. DO NOT line up at the door.
- Off Limit Areas: Do not go behind my desk or computer without permission.
- You must do your own work. Cheating or plagiarizing on any assignments, quizzes, tests, or exams will result in a zero on the assignment. See the student handbook for additional consequences.
- Participate: share your thoughts and opinions!
- Do your very best! I have high expectations because I know you are all bright young adults with a lot of potential. Success in anything requires discipline, hard work, and a positive attitude.

Homework Policy:

- If you forget your homework, I will accept it one day late for half credit. No homework will be accepted after that.
- All homework must be turned in when I collect it or it will be considered late. All late homework must be turned in before class starts.

Absences:

- If you have an excused absence from class you can make up the work.
- You will have the number of days you were absent to complete and turn in missed assignments or to make up a test.
- If your absence is unexcused you will receive no credit for missed work.
- If you are absent see me **before** class starts to get the work you missed.
- You are responsible for getting any missed assignments.

Suggestions for Success:

- Do not be afraid to ask for help! I am more than willing to assist you with any problems before or after school.
- Do your homework and complete all reading assignments
- Take advantage of the study guides I give you when studying for tests.