

ACADEMIC COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	Notable Trials of the 20th Century
COURSE NUMBER:	LAW E533
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SCHEDULE:	Summer Semester 2014 Wednesdays, 6-9pm, Room # 212 <i>Note:</i> Class meets June 4, 2014 – Aug. 6, 2014 (10 weeks)
UNITS:	2
COURSE TYPE:	Elective
PREREQUISITES:	Completion of Introductory classes or equivalent
COREQUISITES:	None
TEXTS AND MATERIALS:	Justice for All: Legendary Trials of the 20th Century , Daniel J. Lanahan J.D. Publisher: AuthorHouse (August 1, 2006), ISBN-10: 1425947859, or ISBN-13: 978-1425947859
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	We will analyze and discuss notable trials. Throughout the ages, trials have reflected the culture and values of the society in which they took place. Analysis of the facts, legal issues, societal interest and rules help us understand the considerations giving rise to what are often controversial and influential results. Twenty trial cases will be discussed including Sacco and Vanzetti, Scopes, The Scottsboro Boys, The Nuremberg Trial, Martin Luther King, Jack Ruby, Daniel Ellsberg, and Larry Flynt. We will conclude with a comparison of the impeachment trials of Andrew Johnson and William Clinton. Each student will be asked to write a paper on one case.
COURSE OBJECTIVES / ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (Description of what students will be expected to know and be able to do at the end of the course. What skills or knowledge will be gained by the end of the course.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our goal is to instill in students a sense of legal history, constitutional law, legal issues as they related to society at the time, and lessons that can be applied in the future. • Develop critical thinking. • Encourage legal analysis. • Develop the ability to prepare and argue both sides of a case. <p>Students generally can expect to spend a <u>minimum</u> of two hours/per hour of instruction time on assigned readings and briefing cases. For example, a 3-hour class would require at least 6 hours of outside preparation time per week.</p>
FORMAT OVERVIEW / METHOD OF INSTRUCTION (Description of how the course will be taught, including breakdown of lecture, practicum, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course material will be presented in a lecture-discussion format. • Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings (<u>including the first day's assignment</u>). All assigned cases must be read and briefed, and all

	<p>problems must be read prior to class. Video and pictures will supplement the material.</p>															
EXAMS:	<p>Exams begin promptly at 6 p.m. Take-home exams and papers must be submitted to the Law School office by 6 p.m. on the due date, unless otherwise noted. All students must take examinations as scheduled. It is recognized that in special circumstances and due to emergencies, it may be necessary to schedule delayed examinations. An emergency is defined as a serious illness or injury to the student or a member of his or her immediate family. Special Circumstances are defined as other situations that, in the opinion of the Dean, are sufficient to warrant delay in taking examinations. <u>Any student taking delayed examinations must have the prior written approval of the Dean.</u> No examination may be taken <i>prior</i> to the day of the regularly scheduled examination. If delayed examinations are approved by the Dean, <u>a fee of \$75 will be charged for each such exam taken.</u> Failure to complete an exam is not sufficient reason for a late or retake exam.</p>															
GRADING / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:	<p>Empire College grading scale:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>90%-100%</td> <td>A</td> <td>Outstanding</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80%-89%</td> <td>B</td> <td>Superior</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70%-79%</td> <td>C</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65%-69%</td> <td>D</td> <td>Unsatisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Below 65%</td> <td>F</td> <td>Failing – no credit</td> </tr> </table> <p>Empire College uses the following grading system for electives: <u>Pass/Fail:</u> 65 - 100 - P Pass/Credit 64 and Below - F Fail/No Credit (Only numeric grades in Required courses are used to calculate grade point average.)</p> <p>The course grade will be comprised of the results of: Class participation – 50% Final Paper – 50% Plus possible reduction for poor attendance, poor preparation and/or failure to do homework assignments. Preparation, participation and homework (if any) are considered mandatory. Instructor may deduct up to 10 points from course grade for lack of preparation or participation or failure to submit homework assignments (if any).</p>	90%-100%	A	Outstanding	80%-89%	B	Superior	70%-79%	C	Satisfactory	65%-69%	D	Unsatisfactory	Below 65%	F	Failing – no credit
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ATTENDANCE:	<p>Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the successful completion of law school. Students should plan to attend every class. A minimum of 80 percent attendance is required. Roll</p>															

	will be taken at each class. Make-up classes will be scheduled if needed.
ASSIGNMENTS:	Summer 2014 – Weekly assignment
Week 1: 06/04/14	PGS. 1-22
Week 2: 06/11/14	PGS. 23-42
Week 3: 06/18/14	PGS 43-77 Discussion and Assignment of Term Paper Topics References to Sources of Information
Week 4: 06/25/14	PGS. 78-109
Week 5: 07/02/14	PGS. 110-130
Week 6: 07/09/14	PGS. 131-166
Week 7: 07/16/14	PGS. 167-187
Week 8: 07/23/14	PGS. 188-203
Week 9: 07/30/14	Discussion of Progress of Paper Present Draft Papers
Week 10: 08/06/14	Discussion to enhance understanding of the multiple roles of attorney's. We will consider how society would function if Shakespeare's reference to kill all the lawyers came true.
Exam date: TBA	Final Exam Paper Due on Wed. Aug. 13, 2014 Date will be published by Law School Office –be sure to verify against published Exam Schedule.