

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	September 1998
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED:	September 2002
(Four years after implementation date)	(MONTH YEAR format)

**OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION**

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.

Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the material will vary - see course syllabus available from instructor

FACULTY/DEPARTMENT:	<b>ECONOMICS</b>	
<b>ECONOMICS 388</b>		<b>4</b>
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FORMER COURSE NUMBER	UCFV CREDITS
	<b>LAW AND ECONOMICS</b>	
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

The economic analysis of law is an interdisciplinary subject that brings together several fields of study and facilitates a greater understanding of all of them. This course will help students perceive law in a new way; one that is extremely useful to lawyers and to anyone interested in issues of public policy. It is customary to think of the law only in its role as a provider of justice. To this end, this course will look at what extent criminal behaviour can be described as individual, rational choice and to what extent crime is dependent on the threat of punishment and various socioeconomic factors.

PREREQUISITES: **60 credits, and any lower-level Economics course or Crim 220**  
 COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S)	<b>SERVICE COURSE TO:</b>
(a) Replaces: _____ (Course #)	_____
(b) Cannot take: _____ for further credit. (Course #)	_____
	(Department/Program)
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TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: <b>60</b>	TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION
<b>STRUCTURE OF HOURS:</b>	LENGTH OF COURSE: _____
Lectures: <b>45</b> Hrs	HOURS PER DAY: _____
Seminar: Hrs	
Laboratory: Hrs	
Field Experience: Hrs	
Student Directed Learning: <b>15</b> Hrs	
Other (Specify): Hrs	

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:	<b>28</b>
EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS:	
<b>WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:**

Course Designer(s): _____ Dale Box	Chairperson: _____ E. Davis ( <i>Curriculum Committee</i> )
Department Head: _____ I. McAkill for J. Belec	Dean: _____ J. D. Tunstall
PAC Approval in Principle Date: _____	PAC Final Approval Date: November 26, 1997

**COURSE NAME/NUMBER****LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Introduce students to the ideas/concepts of economic analysis of law;
- Anchor discussion of economic theory in concrete, numerous, and varied legal questions;
- Introduce students to the varied and rich economic literature and empirical analysis relating to crime.

**METHODS:**

Lecture/Seminar

Case Study

**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :)  Yes  No**METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:****TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Cooter, Robert and Thomas Ulen. *Law and Economics* (1997)

*Legal Periodicals Index and Journal of Economic Literature* contain indexes of all articles published in Law and Economics journals; both contain headings for "Economics" and "Law and Economics".

Posner, Richard A. *Economic Analysis of Law* (1192)**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:****STUDENT EVALUATION:**

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Class participation/Presentations	0 – 15%
Research and Term Papers	15 – 40%
Midterms	15 – 30%
Final	35 – 55%

(Instructor Discretion)

**COURSE CONTENT:**

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

The Determinants of the 'rational' Offender  
 Introduction to Law and Legal Institutions  
 Economic Theory of the Legal Process:  
     Why Sue?  
     Strategic Bargaining  
     Trial and Appeals  
 Economic Theory of Property and Property Law  
     Protection of Property Rights  
     Legal Restraints on Property Rights  
     Public versus Private Property  
 Economic Theory of Contract Law  
     Optimal Breach of Contract

Remedies as Incentives

Economic Theory of Tort Law

Computing Damages

Tort Law Reform

Economic Theory of Crime and Punishment

Does Punishment Deter Crime?

Efficient Punishment

The Death Penalty

Economics of Drugs and Crime