

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

## HLS 109 FEDERAL LAW

Credit Hours: 3 Lec: 3

PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of a Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy. Current or past employment as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Federal Law covers immigration, customs, and criminal law as established by the Federal Government of the United States. The classification of crimes, elements of and parties to a crime, and criminal responsibility issues are covered.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Introduce the student to the historical and philosophical background of American criminal law.
- 1.2 Explore and apply the fundamental concepts of criminal law emphasizing the criminal act, the mental element, and criminal responsibility.
- 1.3 Recognize and apply the component elements of federal statutes to factual situations.

2. OUTCOMES

This course focuses on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure under the federal court system. They are promulgated by the United States Supreme Court, title 18 U.S. Code, title 6 Domestic Security, Title 8 Aliens and Nationality, and Title 15 Commerce and Trade.

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1. recognize the definition of various crimes under Federal Law
- 2.2. define criminal procedure for Federal Law Enforcement Officers.
- 2.3. describe the process of arresting, processing, and releasing prisoners under Federal Law.
- 2.4. explain prisons and the Federal Correctional System as well as the juvenile system.
- 2.5. describe immunity of witnesses from arrest and its application in the Federal Criminal Justice System.

3. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Lecture
- 3.2 Multi-media presentations
- 3.3 Group discussion

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Group discussion

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 TEST – Student must pass test at the conclusion of the course, and the AzPOST Certification Test at the end of the Academy with a score of 80% or better.
- 5.2 Participation – Students are required to participate in class discussion.

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not

attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.

- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
- For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course