

PSS213 Criminal Law in Practice: An Overview

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

PSS213 Criminal Law in Practice: An Overview provides a general overview of the procedures involved in the implementation of substantive criminal law. The enforcement of laws is carried out by appointed authority figures and they are required to follow certain procedures in establishing the culpability of an accused person. Part of the course briefly discusses rules related to evidence. Students will also gain a general understanding of important concepts in criminal law, and be introduced to the basic fundamentals of criminal law in Singapore.

Topics:

- Criminal Procedure I: An Introduction
- Criminal Procedure II: Arrest, Investigation and Charge
- Criminal Procedure III: Pre-Trial & Trial
- Proof at Trial I – Burden of Proof
- Proof at Trial II - Relevant facts
- Proof at Trial III - Hearsay
- Proof at Trial IV- Character
- Proof at Trial V- Opinion
- Proof at Trial VI- Illegally obtained evidence
- Proof at Trial VII- Corroboration
- Criminal Procedure IV: Sentencing and Appeal
- Criminal Procedure V: Coroner's Inquiries

Learning Outcome:

- Explain the various rules pertaining to criminal procedures
- Demonstrate understanding of legal concepts
- Analyse relevant issues of law, fact and procedure
- Identify the basic legal concepts
- Examine nuances in the development of criminal law
- Apply basic rules of evidence in hypothetical situations
- Illustrate challenges related with criminal procedures

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20

Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	20
	DISCUSSION BOARD 1	5
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100