

Introduction to criminal justice

(CJ 101)

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Stubbs 100

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Text: *Criminal Justice Today* (9th Edition)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: An examination of the history, organization and function of the various local, state, and federal agencies that make up the American criminal justice system. This overview and survey is organized around the three major components of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, courts and corrections.

COURSE OBJECTIVE: To familiarize the student with the American criminal justice system including it's history and each of the primary components; law enforcement, courts and corrections.

COURSE GRADES: There will be four(4) examinations (to include the final test) valued at 100 points each. Dates for each examination - except the final test - will be announced at least one week prior to the examination. Examination formation will be short-answer test items such as True/False; fill-in-the-blank; and multiple choice.

GRADING SCALE:

A	90 percent and above
B	80-89 percent
C	70-79 percent
D	60-69 percent
F	Below 60 percent

Both mid-term and final grades will be posted on-line!

Make-up examinations will be given for excused absences only and should be scheduled and taken as soon as possible. Make-up examinations MAY be in a different format such as discussion or essay type questions. Therefore the short-answer stipulation is for regular examinations only.

CLASS ATTENDANCE: Class attendance is highly encouraged and roll call will be taken

each class meeting. Excused absences for make-up examinations must be justifiable and documented (doctor's statements, court orders, etc.) Statements from spouses, parents, room mates, et al, that you did not feel well on the test date will not suffice.

DISABILITY: Any class member with a documented disability which may require accommodation(s) should inform the instructor of this fact immediately and should also contact and notify the ULM office of Student Life.

COURSE OUT-LINE: (corresponding to text chapters to be covered)

- I. What is Criminal Justice?**
- II. The Crime Picture**
- III. Criminal Law**
- IV. Policing: History and Structure**
- V. Policing: Purpose and Organization**
- VI. Policing: Legal Aspects**
- VII. Policing: Issues and Challenges**
- VIII. The Courts: Structure and Participants**
- IX. Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial**
- X. Sentencing**
- XI. Probation, Parole and Community Corrections**
- XII. Prisons and Jails**
- XIII. Prison Life**
- XIV. Drugs and Crime**

CLASS PARTICIPATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BUT MAY BE LIMITED TO THE SIZE OF THE CLASS!