

Course Syllabus Spring 2007
CJUS 101-02 Introduction to Criminal Justice
Location: Stubbs Hall 218
Time: TR 12:30 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

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Text: Schmallegger, Frank (2006). *Criminal Justice Today: An introductory text for the 21st century* (9th ed.) Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-171950-5

Class Description:

(Catalog) Credit 3 semester hours. An examination of the history, organization, and function of the various local and federal agencies that make up the criminal justice system. The survey is organized around the three major components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.

Course Objectives:

Intended as a basic introduction to the study of criminal justice, this course is an overview of (1) the processes of criminal justice and (2) a survey of the components of the criminal justice system (police, courts, prosecution, and corrections). Since this is the first criminal justice course taken by many students, the instructor will also deal with issues related to academic success: e.g., individual potential discovery and development, self-esteem, study skills, how to ace that exam, and what the future holds in relation to professional opportunities.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to converse logically about (1) the history of and the relationships between the criminal justice system components, (2) the basis functions of each of the components, and (3) utilize legal terminology. The student will have a vision of the myriad job opportunities available in criminal and juvenile justice and in justice-related occupations, and he or she will have an understanding of how to study to understand a textbook, a discipline, and thus become a superior student.

Lectures, Presentations, and Class Discussions:

Text and handout materials must be read prior to days of discussion in class. The student must prepare to ask and respond to questions and participate in class discussions. The student must remember that informed and interested participation will greatly impact the student's final grade.

Department:

Classroom disruption will not be tolerated. Disruptive students can be asked to leave; to meet with instructor; to meet with Program Coordinator, Department Head, or Dean of the College. The use of cell phones, pagers, etc. during the class period is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Please note that in the event that you answer your phone in class or leave class to answer your phone, you must leave the class session immediately and not return, you will also be counted as absent for the day.

Course Grade:

Exam I	100 points
Exam II (Mid-Term)	100 points
Exam III	100 points
Exam IV (Final)	100 points
Quizzes	50 points
Total	450 points

Exams format: multiple choices and true/false.

Grading:

Grades are figured as follows:	A – 90% - 100%
	B – 80% - 89%
	C – 70% - 79%
	D – 60% - 69%
	F – 0% - 59%

Academic Dishonesty:

All students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty. Cheating, plagiarism, and unethical practices will be handled according to university policy.

Course Schedule*:

January	16	Introduction
		Chapter 1: What is Criminal Justice?
	18	Chapter 1: What is Criminal Justice?
		Chapter 2: The Crime Picture
	23	Chapter 2: The Crime Picture
	25	Chapter 3: The Search for Cause
	30	Chapter 3: The Search for Cause
		Chapter 4: Criminal Law
February	1	Chapter 4: Criminal Law
	6	Exam I (Chapter 1-4)
	8	Chapter 5: Policing: History and Structure
	13	Chapter 5: Policing: History and Structure
		Chapter 6: Policing: Purpose and Organization
	15	Chapter 6: Policing: Purpose and Organization
	20	Mardi Gras Holiday

	22	Chapter 7: Policing: Legal Aspects
	27	Chapter 7: Policing: Legal Aspects
		Chapter 8: Policing: Issues and Challenges
March	1	Chapter 8: Policing: Issues and Challenges
		Chapter 9: The Court: Structure and Participants
	6	Chapter 9: The Court: Structure and Participants
	8	Chapter 10: Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial
	13	Chapter 10: Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial
		Chapter 11: Sentencing
	15	Exam II (Chapter 5-9)
	20	Chapter 11: Sentencing
	22	Chapter 12: Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections
	27	Chapter 12: Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections
		Chapter 13: Prisons and Jails
	29	Chapter 13: Prisons and Jails
April	3	Exam III (Chapter 10-13)
	5	Chapter 14: Prison Life
	10	Spring Holiday
	12	Spring Holiday
	17	Chapter 14: Prison Life
		Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice
	19	Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice
	24	Chapter 16: Drugs and Crime
	26	Chapter 16: Drugs and Crime
		Chapter 17: Terrorism and Multinational Criminal Justice
May	1	Chapter 17: Terrorism and Multinational Criminal Justice
	3	Chapter 18: The Future of Criminal Justice
		Make Up Exam**
	10	Exam IV (Chapter 14-18) 10:00 AM-11:50 AM

***The schedule may change upon notice.**

**** Make-up examinations will be given for excused absences and may be a different format from the regular exams.**