

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CJUS 101 02 081

I. Contact Information

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II. Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

III. Course Description

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.

IV. Course Objectives and Outcomes

To familiarize the student with the American criminal justice system including it's history and types of organizations and with emphasis on the primary components: law enforcement, courts and corrections. Outcomes or results will be measured by examination scores on three or four examinations related to the subject matter

V. Course Topics

What is criminal justice?
The crime picture at the local, state, national, and international levels
Criminal Law
Policing: History and Structure
Policing: Purpose and Organization
Policing: Legal Aspects
Policing: Issues and Challenges
The Courts: Structure and Participants
Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial
Sentencing
Terrorism and Multinational criminal justice
The Future of Criminal Justice
Overview of corrections: Institutions and Community-based

VI. Instructional Methods and Activities

This class is neither on-line or hybrid. Classes will meet as scheduled – class attendance is atrongly encouraged. University policy is that a student's unexcused absences cannot exceed 10 percent of regularly scheduled classes. This class meets 30 times during the semester. Therefore a student's unexcused absences cannot exceed 3. Roll will be taken at all classes. See Section VIII for more detail on attendance.

Instructional methods will be focused on classroom activities(See Section IX for a weekly detail of activity) . The instructor will utilize lectures, audio/visual aids, outside guest speakers and other types of instructional activities as may be deemed appropriate. There will be no research papers to write. Discussions on significant court cases will be limited to those discussed in the text.

VII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

There will be several unit examinations and one final examination in the class. Unit exams will be announced at least one week in advance of the examination. The final examination will be on Tuesday December 4. All exams including the non-comprehensive final will have 100 points. Final grades will be posted on line for students to view via Arrow. Final grade averages and corresponding letter grades will be as follows;

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

Undergraduate mid-term grades will be posted on line with Arrow. Mid-term grades indicate a student's status at mid-semester only and do not indicate the final performance outcome of a student.

VIII. Class Policies and Procedures

At a minimum, all policies stated in the current ULM Student Policy Manual & Organizational Handbook should be followed (see <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>). Additional class policies include:

- A. Textbook(s) and Materials: CRIMINAL JUSTICE TODAY (9th edition)
Dr. Frank Schmallager. Prentice Hall publishers – ISBN# 0-13-171950-5
- B. Attendance Policy: Class attendance is required! Attendance will be taken at every class meeting. Excused absences will be for legitimate and documented purposes only and must be supported by court orders, physicians excuses , military orders, written statements from employers, etc. Not sufficient are statements from parents, spouses, et al. attesting to your not feeling well
- C. Make-up Policy: (Describe policies for late assignments, make-up procedures, etc.)
- D. Academic Integrity: Faculty and students must observe the ULM published policy on Academic Dishonesty (see Page 4 in ULM Student Policy Manual -- <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>). (Also, include any additional policy information.)
- E. Course Evaluation Policy: At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line course evaluation. (Also, include any additional course-specific policies related to evaluation of the course.)

- F. Student Services: Information about ULM student services, such as Student Success Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/cass/>), Counseling Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/>), Special Needs (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/special.htm>), and Student Health Services, is available at the following Student Services web site <http://www.ulm.edu/studentaffairs/>.
- G. Emergency Procedures: All students who anticipate any type of emergency should make the instructor aware of any action the instructor should take. For example any student who may anticipate emergencies associated with a medical condition such as seizures or diabetes should indicate what action s/he wishes to be taken. Otherwise medical emergency personnel will be summoned to the scene of the emergency.
- H. Discipline/Course Specific Policies: Students who are Criminal Justice majors are Reminded that they must have a grade of C or better in all C JUS classes.

IX. Tentative Course Schedule

- A. Contact Information: Alton Braddock whose telephone number is 342-1404, whose e-mail address is braddock@ulm.edu, whose office is 207 Stubbs Hall, and whose office hours are 0800 hours to 1000 hours on MWF and 0730 to 0800 and 1100 to 1230 hours on TR.
- B. Schedule: The following schedule by week details the topics to be covered in each week.

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE THIS SCHEDULE AS NEEDED!

Week of:	Topic:
January 14	What is Criminal Justice
January 21	The Crime Picture
January 28	Criminal Law
February 04	History and Structuring of Law Enforcement
February 11	Purpose and Organization of Policing
February 18	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
February 25	Policing: Issues and Challenges
March 3	Structure and Operation of the Courts
March 10	Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial
March 17	Sentencing
March 24	Community-based corrections
April 7	Prisons and Jails
April 14	Juvenile Justice/Drugs
April 21	Terrorism and multinational criminal justice
April 28	The Future of Criminal Justice
May 5	Final Test.