

INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Cjus 101 60 084

12:30 - 1:45 TR

Stubbs 219

(Class starts October 13)

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 survey course is organized around the three component parts of the criminal justice system which are: 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.

Textbook: CRIMINAL JUSTICE TODAY: AN INTRODUCTORY TEXT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (10th edition) by Frank Schmallenger. The book is published by Prentice-Hall with a publication date of 2007. The ISBN# is 0-13-513030-1

Course Grades: There will be three major examinations valued at 100 points, twelve ten-question quizzes valued at 10 points each and twelve eHomework assignments valued at 10 points each. The total numbers of points possible for the class is 540. Course grades will be determined on the following scale:

486 - 540 points	A
432 - 485 points	B
378 - 431 points	C
324 - 377 points	D
Below 324 points	F

Criminal justice majors are reminded that they must have a grade of C or better in all criminal justice classes.

Course Format and assignments: This is a hybrid class; the class meets in the classroom on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:45 in Stubbs 219(the classroom is subject to change based on class size) but all of the course content that will determine your grade is done on-line utilizing the Moodle program. The class begins on Tuesday October 14 and lasts for eight weeks culminating during final test week. I have chosen to cover only 12 chapters in the text, thus eliminating 6. However I strongly encourage you to read those 6 excluded chapters; they are very important to you especially if you are a criminal justice major. Please note that I have set this class up so that can work ahead, but not to allow you to get behind. The dates listed below if the last date for you to finish an assignment. You may feel free to work ahead.

Oct. 13 - Oct. 19: Read chapters 1 & 2 and complete e-homework and quiz for each chapter no later than midnight on Oct. 19.

Oct 20 - Oct. 26: Read chapters 4 & 5 and complete e-homework and quiz for each chapter no later than midnight on Oct. 26.

Oct. 26. : Complete the 50-question exam covering Chapters 1, 2, 4 & 5 no later than midnight of Oct. 26.

Oct. 27 - Nov. 2: Read chapters 6 & 7 and complete e-homework and quiz for each chapter no later than midnight on Nov. 2.

Nov. 3 - Nov. 9: Read chapters 9 & 10 and complete e-homework and quiz for each chapter no later than midnight on Nov. 9

Nov. 9 : Complete the 50-question exam covering Chapters 6, 7, 9 & 10 no later than midnight on Nov. 9

Nov. 10 - Nov. 16: Read chapters 12 & 13 and complete e-homework and quiz for each chapter no later than midnight on Nov. 16.

Nov. 17 - Nov. 23: Read chapters 14 & 16 and complete e-homework and quiz for each chapter no later than midnight on Nov. 23.

Nov. 24 - Nov. 26: Thanksgiving week! Opportunity to make up any e-homework previously omitted.

Dec. 1 - Dec. 5: Final test week! Complete the 50-question exam covering Chapters 12, 13, 14 & 16 no later than Wednesday December 3 at midnight.

Important Points: Please be constantly aware of the following:

1. Quizzes are timed at 15 minutes. You will be penalized for exceeding the allowable Time by more than 30 seconds. You may enter a quiz only one time, so be ready To complete it when you enter the quiz site.
2. The e-homework is not timed. You may enter, work on it, save it, and re-enter it. When you finish, hit the “submit” button and the system will tell me it’s ready to Grade.
3. Major exams are timed at 60 minutes. You will be penalized for exceeding the Allowable time by more than 30 seconds. You may enter them only one time without Special action by the teacher to allow a second entry.
4. Quizzes and major exams are presented to you one question at a time, both question Order and answer order randomized, you are “compelled” to answer the question to Move forward, and backtracking is not allowed.
5. I have set the system so that you cannot print the quizzes or exams. Even “print Screen” won’t work. I am allowing the system to tell you if you missed a question, But I am not allowing the system to give you the correct answer. I apologize in Advance for that, but test integrity concerns make it necessary. If you miss a Question you will need to jot down the information and look it up later(you can’t Change your answer). I cannot re-set the system later to show you the correct Answer(s).
6. The final exam is not comprehensive; it is simply a unit test like the other two.
7. If you encounter technical difficulties don’t panic! Just let me know and I will “Fix” it. However, there is a caveat here - if you are on question 45 of a 50 question Examination and I re-set the system for you, you would have to re-take the entire Test. If you are very far along on the test, I may make a new exam for you to take In place of the one where you had the technical problem. I also may move the exam Off Moodle and let you complete the unanswered questions in another environment.

8. My office hours are from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on MWF and 9:30 to 10:30 TR. My office is located at Stubbs Hall, room 207. The telephone number is 342-1404. My e-mail address is braddock@ulm.edu. The class will meet in a Classroom for the first time on Tuesday October 14. Subsequent to that we will Meet on Tuesday in Stubbs 219; I will be available for consultation on Thursdays At the regular class time in addition to posted office hours. My cell phone number is 237-8331 but I would prefer that you call me at my office - leave a message if I am Not in. While my residence is listed in the Monroe/West Monroe directory, I would Prefer that you not call me at home unless there is some emergency.
9. Quizzes, e-homework, and major exams all appear in a single location, “Exams and Quizzes”, and in order that you need to complete them. Please note the last date on Which you can complete each.
10. Obviously, quizzes, homework, and exams are open book. However, in the case of Quizzes and exams, timing is crucial. You will not likely have time to literally Look up the answer to every question presented. So, you should study for the test As if it were not an open book test and then use the available time to actually look Up those questions to which you don’t know the answer.

Completing Exams: Remember that the quizzes are timed at 15 minutes and the major exams are time at 60 minutes. Questions are presented one at a time - you are compelled to answer each question in order to move on, no backtracking, and you are not given the correct answer. *Remember, once you enter a quiz or exam, you cannot leave it and re-enter later without special action by the instructor. You will have to convince me that there was a technical problem and not that you are just “peeking” at the test.* All questions on all exams are randomized and the answers are randomized. Note that I have the capability to go “behind Moodle” to view a considerable amount of information regarding your activity on the site and/or verify some technical errors.

E-homework assignments consists of 5 essay questions. They are not timed. You may enter, save, and re-enter. When you finish a homework “submit” and I will grade the homework. If you do plan to re-enter be sure to save; otherwise you will lose your work. Don’t submit until you have finished.