

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE CJUS 101 95 072

I. Contact Information

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 07:30-09:30.

II. Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

III. Course Description

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE. 3 cr. 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 its history and each of the primary components—police, courts, and corrections. Measured by specific performance on examinations.

V. Course Topics

What is criminal justice?
The crime picture
Criminal law
History of policing
Purpose and organization of policing
Legal aspects of policing
Structure and participants of the courts
Pretrial activities and the criminal trial
Sentencing
Probation, parole, and community policing
Prisons and jails
Terrorism and multinational criminal justice

VI. Instructional Methods and Activities

Students will be assigned 12 chapters from the text and will be expected to complete an ehomework assignment on each chapter and a quiz on each chapter within the specified time frames. In addition, there will be three major examinations that will each cover the material in the 4 chapters specified for each.

This course is 100% online; there are no class meetings. It is strongly suggested that students follow the assigned dates in completing course work. However, the date that appears in parenthesis at the end of each assignment is the last date at which that particular assignment will be accepted. Exams must be completed on the date and time that are specified with no exceptions. All eHomework, all Quizzes, and all Examinations are available to all students the day the class begins. Students must set their own schedules but must complete all work no later than the final due date for each assignment. Quizzes and exams are timed (15 minutes for 10-question quizzes and 60 minutes for major exams, each containing 50 questions). The eHomework is not timed and students may enter, save, and re-enter the eHomework and finally submit when finished with the assignment. Quizzes and exams are presented to the student one question at a time, in random order, with no backtracking allowed, and with forced-choice responses (must answer to move ahead). The correct answer is not revealed; the student gets only the final grade on the quiz or

exam. Students may not re-enter quizzes or exams after initially beginning the quiz or exam. You must not yield to the temptation to “peek” at quizzes or exams—if you do, you can’t then take the test—you can enter it ONLY ONCE without special action on my part after you have convinced me that you had a technical problem (which I can verify on Blackboard) and/or that your entry into the exam or quiz was unavoidable. Enter the quizzes and exams ONLY WHEN YOU ARE INTENDING TO COMPLETE THEM IN THAT SITTING. Be sure that you will have the 15 minutes or the 60 minutes available to complete the assignment before entering it. Obviously quizzes and exams are open-book, but the timing is an integral part of the testing. You will not have time to literally look up every question on the quizzes or exams. You should study for the quiz/exam as if it were not open book, then you will have time to look up the few that you don’t know. Exceeding the time limit by more than 30 seconds results in 10% penalties applied for each minute or portion thereof that you exceed the time limit.

VII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

There will be three major examinations valued at 100 points each, twelve 10-question quizzes valued at 10 points each, and 12 eHomework assignments valued at 10 points each during this course. The total number of points available for the class is 540. Course grades are as follows: 486-540=A; 432-485=B; 378-431=C; 324-375=D; and less than 378=F. Criminal Justice majors are reminded that they must have at least a grade of C in this class.

Undergraduate mid-term grades will be posted on-line for students to view via Arrow. Mid-term grades indicate a student’s status at mid-semester only and do not indicate the final performance outcome of a student. However, during summer sessions, the mid-term grade is not posted. Since this is a 100% online course, students will be continuously aware of their grades in the class via the online gradebook.

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: An Introductory Text for the 21st Century by Frank Schmalleger. 9th edition. Published by Prentice-Hall, 2007. The critical number which identifies this book exclusively is the ISBN number:

B. Attendance Policy:

Since this is a 100% online class, attendance to specified class meetings is not an issue. However, note that the assignments are available for you to complete at any time, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and the only real limitation you have is that you MUST complete it by the final due date for that assignment (the date in parenthesis at the end of the assignment entry below). Major examinations can be completed at any time, but must be completed no later than the date specified in the entry for that exam.

You will note that the dates included above in my proposed study schedule only include 4 days each week. That is due to the fact that the university is operating on a 4-day week during the summer sessions. Since this is a totally online class, those dates are not meant to be restrictive except in the sense of final due dates. You may set your own schedule to complete the assigned work with the caveat that you *MUST* complete all work by ITS assigned due date.

C. Make-up Policy: (Describe policies for late assignments, make-up procedures, etc.)

Those who miss the completion of quizzes, ehomework, or examinations due to verifiable, unavoidable reasons will be allowed to take the exam(s) or quiz(zes) and complete the ehomework during a time specified by the instructor. The exam or quiz may or may not be the same exam that was originally administered.

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/>).

E. Course Evaluation Policy:

At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line course evaluation.

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/>. The Computer Center Help Desk is available to assist students by calling 318/342-3333.

G. Emergency Procedures: (Include appropriate emergency information.)

Emergency procedures in the traditional sense are unnecessary in this online class. However, if you need to contact me at home regarding a past absence, an anticipated absence, or some other issue or situation that makes it necessary that you talk with me, please call my home at 318/397-2609. But, do so only in emergency situations. Ordinarily, you should email me at hwilliamson@ulm.edu or haroldwilliamson@bellsouth.net.

H. Discipline/Course Specific Policies:

Students who are criminal justice majors are reminded that they must have at least a grade of C in all criminal justice classes.

IX. Tentative Course Schedule

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B. Schedule:

Reading assignments, eHomework, Quizzes, and Exams should be completed on the date assigned. However, the date in parenthesis at the end of each assignment is the LAST date on which that assignment will be accepted. The time of day when assignments MUST BE COMPLETED BY is always 11:59 p.m. (almost midnight).

Jun	04	Introduction to course.
	05	Read Chapter 1, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 1. (due 6/12/07) Criminal Justice defined, system, process, due process, multiculturalism.

- 06 Read Chapter 2, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 2. (due 6/12/07)
Crime picture, UCR, NCVS.
- 07 Read Chapter 4, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 4. (due 6/12/07)
Criminal Law, categories of crime, features of crime, criminal offenses.
- 11 Read Chapter 5, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 5. (due 6/12/07)
Policing, history, agencies, ethics.
- 12 Complete Exam 1 covering Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5.
- 13 Read Chapter 6, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 6. (due 6/20/07)
Purpose of policing, strategies, management, terrorism, discretion.
- 14 Read Chapter 7, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 7. (due 6/20/07)
Legal aspects policing, individual rights, search & seizure.
- 18 Read Chapter 9, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 9. (due 6/20/07)
Court structure, courtroom work group.
- 19 Read Chapter 10, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 10. (due 6/20/07)
Pretrial and trial.
- 20 Complete Exam 2 covering Chapters 6, 7, 9, and 10.
- 21 Read Chapter 11, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 11. (due 6/28/07)
Sentencing, goals, innovations, PSI, death sentence, DNA.
- 25 Read Chapter 12, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 12. (due 6/29/07)
Community corrections, intermediate sanctions.
- 26 Read Chapter 13, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 13. (due 6/28/07)
Prisons & jails, history of punishment.
- 27 Read Chapter 17, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 17. (due 6/28/07)
Terrorism, international criminal justice, transnational crime.
- 28 Complete Exam 3 covering Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 17.

Please note that the above dates are established as guidelines. The work is actually set up on a weekly basis. You may work ahead, but you cannot get behind the weekly due dates. I've given you two weeks on the first assigned period in order to accommodate any start-up problems that you may have. I encourage you to WORK AHEAD; but, you must complete work by its due date. If you have any questions about this, be sure to email me or call me.

The instructor reserves the right to adjust the schedule as needed.