

CJUS101--Introduction to Criminal Justice Course Requirements

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.

Course Objectives: To familiarize the student with the American criminal justice system including its history and each of the primary components—police, courts, and corrections.

Textbook: *Criminal Justice Today: An Introductory Text for the 21st Century* by Frank Schmalleger. 8th edition. Published by Prentice-Hall, 2005. The critical number which identifies this book exclusively is the ISBN number: 0131844938.

Course Grades: 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.

Course Format: 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.

Class Assignments: 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	05	Introduction to course.
	06	Read Chapter 1, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 1. (due 6/13/06)
	07	Read Chapter 2, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 2. (due 6/13/06)
	08	Read Chapter 4, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 4. (due 6/13/06)

- 12 Read Chapter 5, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 5. (due 6/13/06)
- 13 Complete Exam 1 covering Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5.
- 14 Read Chapter 6, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 6. (due 6/21/06)
- 15 Read Chapter 7, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 7. (due 6/21/06)
- 19 Read Chapter 9, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 9. (due 6/21/06)
- 20 Read Chapter 10, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 10. (due 6/21/06)
- 21 Complete Exam 2 covering Chapters 6, 7, 9, and 10.
- 22 Read Chapter 11, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 11. (due 6/29/06)
- 26 Read Chapter 12, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 12. (due 6/29/06)
- 27 Read Chapter 13, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 13. (due 6/29/06)
- 28 Read Chapter 17, complete eHomework, and complete Quiz 17. (due 6/29/06)
- 29 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.

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). 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.

While we do not cover every chapter in the textbook, I encourage you to read them all after the class has ended. Criminal Justice is a complicated area of study and all chapters are important.

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