

Course Syllabus – CJ 1001 Criminal Justice – First Year Orientation for Student Success – Dr. Michael Tatum

Class Meets at University Plaza, Building D, Room 101-D, on **T-Th at 12:00-12:50**

Office-103-B - Hours: MWF 8:15-9:00 & 11:00-1:00 / T-Th 10:30-12:00 & 1:00-1:30 /Phone: 435-879-4425 /tatum@dixie.edu

Course Description: This course is designed to help Freshman Students adapt to college life and become integrated into Dixie State University. Students will refine academic skills; create and foster social networks; and learn about college and community resources, all with a focus on assisting the student on a positive road to success in both academics and life. - It is also designed to help students interested in Criminal Justice become acquainted with the discipline by exploring the various degree options, current and future job opportunities, and various career pathways.

Course Objectives: By the end of the semester, You (the student) should:

1. Know your way around Dixie State University.
2. Understand the basic graduation requirements for your major area of study.
3. Know the success strategies for dealing with college life.
4. Know how to succeed academically.

Required Materials: Dixie State University Student Handbook

Grades and Grading: Attendance = 70% / Assignments = 20% / Final Exam = 10%

Grades will be assigned as follow:

A 93-100% / A- 90-92% / B+ 87-89% / B 83-86% / B- 80-82% / C+ 77-79% / C 73-76% / C- 70-72% / D 50-69% / F 0-49%

incompletes: A grade of "Incomplete" will only be given in circumstances where a student has been doing well in class but has had a difficulty such as a serious illness during the last couple of weeks of the semester.

Attendance: The course is discussion based so attendance is vital to your success. Each class is valued at 3.125% of your attendance grade. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class.

Assignments: Some assignments will be completed IN-CLASS, while other assignments will be like regular Homework. Late assignments will be accepted with a deduction of 5% per day late as per the value of the assignments.

EXAMS: Once a week, usually on Thursdays in the form of a short Quiz at the end of class – Most often in Essay format.

FINAL EXAM: DECEMBER 11TH – In class – Semi-Comprehensive covering the main principles of the course.

Other Useful Information

College Approved Absences: Some absences *may* be excused as per university policy. For further information regarding approved absences check with <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/523.html>

Dmail: Students are required to have a Dmail account and check it regularly for notices from your professors and other important university messages and reminders. To access your Dmail account visit go.dixie.edu/dmail. If you do not know your Dmail username or have forgotten your PIN, visit go.dixie.edu/mydixie and follow the instructions.

Disability Accommodations: If you suspect or are aware that you have a disability that may affect your success in the course you are strongly encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The disability will be evaluated and eligible students will receive assistance in obtaining reasonable accommodation. Phone: 435-652-7516

College Resources: Several helpful resources are available to students to help in having a successful educational experience:

- Tutoring Center – 4th floor of the Holland Building or visit <http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/>
- Writing Center – Room 421, 4th floor of the Holland Building
- Computer Center – For help go to the Smith Computer Center or to the Library for assistance
- Testing Center – Some courses do their testing at the Testing Center located at the North Plaza
- Library – A great source of information and help with your studies <http://library.dixie.edu/>

Student Responsibilities in the Classroom: Be courteous and respectful to professor and fellow students, not talking when the professor is talking, following instructions, not using foul or profane language, and not being disruptive. See university policy at <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec3/334.html>

Academic Integrity: Cheating or Academic Dishonesty will not be tolerated, including plagiarism, submitting other person's work, cheating on exams or quizzes, etc. – Penalties can include the following: Receiving a failing grade on the specific assignment, receiving a failing grade for the entire course, immediate dismissal from the classroom and/or course, or referring the student to Student Affairs /Dean of Students for disposition.

Semester Calendar

Assignment/Due *May change as needed

August 26 th	Syllabus (p 18-23) and introductions	Short paper-All about you –Due on Sept. 2nd
August 28 th	Lecture – China's Top Criminologist	Zion Room/Holland Building- Roll taken
September 2nd	Campus Resources (p 32-73)	In-class group discussion re: Lecture/Resources
September 4th	Getting Involved (p 76-97)	Question&Answer Game/Resource Assignment
September 9th	Time Management (p 111-118)	Paper – 2 day analysis of time – Due next class
September 11th	Time Management / Digital Forensics	Paper – How to improve? – Due next class
September 16th	Dropping a class/On-line courses (p 211-214)	Class Discussion
September 18 th	Staying Safe on Campus	Paper – Good choices v. Bad choices-Next Class
September 23 rd	Building a Network	Paper/Diagram-Your Network-Due Next Class
September 25 th	Financial Aid	Class Discussion
September 30 th	Managing Your Money (p 124-130)	Analysis Paper-Where does\$ go?Due next Class
October 2 nd	Contacting Professors/Classroom Etiquette	Class Discussion- The Do's and Don'ts and Why
October 7 th	Staying Motivated-How? (p 131-132)	Class Discussion/Paper – Due Next Class
October 9 th	Dealing With Stress (p 137-143)	In-Class Evaluations
October 14 th	Staying Healthy / Stress-Body&Mind	Physical/Mental Hlth Plan – Due Next Class
October 16 th	Field Trip-Health&Wellness Center 34 North 600 East	Roll Taken
October 21 st	Honesty & Academic Integrity	Paper Why Be Honest? – Due next Class
October 23 rd	Criminal Justice – Everything You Want To Know But Haven't Asked – Roll Taken	
October 28 th	General Discussion – Open Topic	Roll Taken
October 30 th	Writing/Note Taking/Reading a College Textbook (p 161-164 / p 165-167 / p 174-176) Discussion	
November 4 th	General Education (p 206-210)	Paper – Why General Ed? – Due Next Class
November 6 th	Criminal Justice – What will your career be?	Paper – Your choice-Why? – Due next Class
November 11 th	Graduation Plan (p 215-226)	Paper – Your Plan – Due Next Class
November 13 th	Criminal justice & Education-Impact on Career	Class Discussion
November 18 th	Career Center – Guest Speaker	Roll Taken

November 20 th	Why Service? Why Do it? How Does it Benefit Me?	Guest Speaker - Discussion Roll Taken
November 25 th	Paying Forward – What Does it Mean?	Discussion – Paper-Thankful for what?
December 2 nd	Advisors/Mentors and Your Network – Who?	Group Discussion – Paper Who and Why?
December 4 th	Meet with Advisor	Group Discussion – Roll Taken
December 9 th	Meet with Advisor	Discussion – Roll Taken
December 11 th	Last Day of Class	Last Day for Any Papers / Final?

NOTE: Some of the dates, topics, and assignments are subject to change, but will be announced with adequate lead time so you will know in advance.

If you are in class you will know of any changes. Also, you need to frequently check your email for any updates or other important class information.

Regarding the papers which you will be assigned - Nearly all of the papers will be short one page assignments mostly based on our discussions and your perceptions and often your opinions. It is expected that all work will be typed and submitted IN CLASS.

2nd NOTE: This is a “slam-dunk” class and the assignments are extremely user friendly and not made to cause you any stress. If you keep on task this class can be the easiest “A” you will ever earn.