

Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Dixie State University-CJ 1010 CRN: 40202  
M-5:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.  
3.00 CR

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Final Exam: December 15, 2014 in Union Plaza Building Room 101D from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Course Description:

For students interested in careers in law enforcement, adult or juvenile corrections, law, private or industrial security, counseling, or criminology, and persons interested in the functioning of the U.S. criminal justice system. This course examines the criminal justice system, police, courts, corrections, and related government functions and agencies. Additionally, this course identifies and explores problems, issues, and trends in criminal justice. Students will be exposed to a variety of teaching methods, including lecture, videos, guest lecturers and assigned text study. This course is required for the associate's degree in Criminal Justice and prepares students and for bachelor's degree work.

Text:

"Introduction to Criminal Justice," Fourteenth Edition by Larry J. Siegel and John L. Worrall. (ISBN 978-1-285-06901-2).

Course Goals and Objectives:

Students are expected and encouraged to comment on and advocate their personal views on the assigned text and lectures as they relate to the criminal justice system. This introductory course will provide the student with a substantial knowledge of criminal justice agencies as well as policy and procedures which are utilized by those agencies. This course will enhance the student's view to a global perspective and relationship to crime and the criminal justice system's attempt to meet challenges worldwide.

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Elaborate on the three (3) main components of the Criminal Justice System.
- Identify Criminal Justice Agencies, and understand their roles.
- Explain the Criminal Justice Process.
- Discuss the everyday challenges faced by the Criminal Justice System.
- Explain the purposes and changing dynamics of punishment.
- Identify and explain the various crime classifications.
- Describe the Constitutional Amendments that are important to criminal law and how each affects the criminal justice process.

Grading Criteria:

Participation/Quizzes:	50 pts
Term Paper:	50 pts
Assignments:	50 pts
Exam 1:	50 pts
Exam 2:	50 pts
Exam 3:	50 pts
Exam 4:	50 pts
Exam 5:	50 pts

Term Paper:

Students will be required to choose from a list of selected topics related to criminal justice and compose a 3-5 page paper on a clearly identified issue. The student will have the ability to earn up to 50 points depending upon their ability to follow instructions; clearly identify the issue(s); and ability to provide a critical analysis of the subject matter.

Final Grades will be determined as follows:

A	=	372 - 400
A-	=	360 - 371
B+	=	344 - 359
B	=	332 - 343
B-	=	320 - 331
C+	=	304 - 319
C	=	292 - 303
C-	=	280 - 291
D+	=	264 - 279
D	=	252 - 263
D-	=	240 - 251
F	=	239 and below

Expectations:

Classroom attendance and participation are a mandatory part of course instruction. Students are expected to read ahead of time and prepare to be called on to comment on related issues. All assignments are to be completed on a timely basis and in a thorough manner. Students shall be expected to bring their textbook to class. Note taking and of all relevant in class discussion is detrimental to the student's success as there will be points that either may or may not be adequately covered, or amendments to a 'related area' in the textbook. The class discussions will not cover all of the text material. However, the student is still responsible for all assigned reading and testing purposes, regardless of whether or not the material was discussed in class. The instructor may change the syllabus as needed in order to enhance the learning experience.

Academic Integrity:

No form of academic dishonesty will be tolerated. Students are encouraged to work together for purposes of studying for upcoming exams, and in related coursework. Avoid cheating in all forms! If a student is caught cheating, the instructor will be forced to report academic dishonesty to Dixie State University (Dean of Students). Your name will be placed upon the academic database, and you will receive a '0' on the assignment/test. Any such academic dishonesty will subsequently be reported to any college institution to which you may apply, and can ultimately affect your ability to attend college.

### Student's with Disabilities:

Proper documentation of a disability is required in order to receive services or accommodations. Any student who is eligible for requesting reasonable academic accommodations due to a disability must provide a letter of accommodation to their professor from the Disability Resource Center within the first week of the course. Please take the initiative to provide the aforesaid documentation to your Professor for signature, and return it to the Disability Resource Center located at the North-East corner of the North Plaza Building on the corner of Tabernacle and 1000 East-Entrance is located on the East side of the building right next to the testing center. The phone number is 435.652.7696. The Disability Resource Center is located beneath the Financial Aid Office in the Career & Financial Aid (CFA) building, or you may call for an appointment and further information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at 652-7880.

### Testing Center

All tests w/exception to the final examination will be given at the testing center. The testing center is located at the North-East corner of the North Plaza Building on the corner of Tabernacle and 1000 East-Entrance is located on the East side of the building. The phone number is 435.652.7696.

### Library Services

The Criminal Justice liaison is John Burns. If you need assistance with locating resources or other assistance you may contact him at 879-4712.

### Attendance

Attendance will be taken each week. Students who have 100% attendance will have the opportunity to drop their lowest test score on record. Students who pre-arrange absences, or leave class early will not be permitted to exercise this option. In the event of an emergency an absence may be excused if permitted by the CJ Department Chair. Student Athletes must provide proper documentation in order to get any absences approved.

### Tutoring/Writing Center

The Tutoring Center is located in the Holland Centennial Commons (HCC Room 431). Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **2014 Fall Semester**

Aug 25	Classwork Starts
Aug 28	Last Day for Waitlist
Aug 29	Last Day to Add Without Signature
Sep 1	Labor Day
Sep 4	Drop/Audit Fee Begins (\$10 per class)
Sep 4	Residency Application Deadline
Sep 9	\$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee
Sep 15	Pell Grant Census
Sep 15	Last Day for Refund
Sep 15	Last Day to drop without receiving a "W" grade
Sep 17	Courses dropped for non-payment
Sep 19	Last Day to Add/Audit
Oct 1	Fall 2014 Associate's degree Graduation Application Deadline

Oct 15 Mid-Term Grades Due  
 Oct 16-17 Semester Break  
 Oct 20 Last Day to Drop Individual Class  
 Oct 27 Spring and Summer 2015 class schedules available online  
 Nov 3 Spring 2015 Bachelor's degree Graduation Application Deadline  
 Nov 11 Career Day  
 Nov 14 Last Day for Complete Withdrawal  
 Nov 17 Spring Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)  
 Nov 18 Spring Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)  
 Nov 19 Spring Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)  
 Nov 20 Spring Registration Open to All Students  
 Nov 26-28 Thanksgiving Break  
 Dec 12 Classwork Ends  
 Dec 15-19 Final Exams

### Class Schedule

Aug 25 Course Introduction, Course Syllabus, Chapter 1: Crime and Criminal Justice.  
 Sept 1 *Labor Day/No School.*  
 Sept 8 *Video/In Class-Assignment "Behind the Badge."*  
 Sept 15 Chapter 4: Criminal Law: Substance and Procedure; Chapter 5: The Police: History and Contemporary Structure. Review of Chapters 1, 4, & 5. (Note: Test #1 will be in the testing center until 9/18).  
 Sept 22 Chapter 6: The Police: Organization, Role, and Function.  
 Sept 29 Chapter 7: Issues in Policing. Video/In Class-Assignment "In the Line of Duty."  
 Oct 6 Chapter 8: Police and the Rule of Law; Review of Chapters 6, 7, & 8, in preparation for mid-term examination.  
 Oct 13 Meet in Testing Center to take Test #2 (Mid-Term Examination) will be given in the testing center from 5:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. (during regular class time only).  
 Oct 20 Chapter 9: Court Structure and Personnel; Chapter 10: Pretrial and Trial Procedures; Choose Term Paper Topics.  
 Oct 27 Chapter 11: Punishment and Sentencing; Review of Chapters 9, 10, & 11 (Note: Test #3 will be in the testing center until 10/30).  
 Nov 3 Chapter 12: Community Sentences: Probation, Intermediate Sanctions, and Restorative Justice; Video/In Class-Assignment "Murder on a Sunday Morning."  
 Nov 10 Chapter 13: Corrections, History, Institutions, and Populations.

Nov 17      Chapter 14: Prison Life: Living in and Leaving Prison. Review of Chapters 12, 13, & 14 (Note: Test #4 will be in the testing center until 11/20).

Nov 24      Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice.

Dec 1        Chapter 16: Crime and Justice in the New Millennium.

Dec 8        Review of Chapters 15, & 16.

Dec 15      Final Exam!!!