

Introduction to Criminal Justice
Dixie State University-CJ 1010 CRN: 25334
M-5:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
3.00 CR

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Final Exam: April 28, 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.

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Nov 1 Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Spring 2014
- Nov 11 Spring Registration open to Seniors (90+ earned credits)
- Nov 12 Spring Registration open to Juniors (60+ earned credits)
- Nov 13 Spring Registration open to Sophomores (30+ earned credits)
- Nov 14 Spring Registration open to All Students
- Jan 2 Spring 2014 Late application penalty begins
- Jan 6 Classwork Starts
- Jan 9 Last Day to Waitlist
- Jan 10 Last Day to Add Without Signature
- Jan 15 Drop/Audit Fee Begins (\$10 per class)
- Jan 15 Residency Application Deadline
- Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 21 \$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee
- Jan 27 Pell Grant Census

Jan 27	Last Day for Refund
Jan 27	Last Day to drop without receiving a "W" grade
Jan 29	Courses dropped for non-payment
Jan 31	Last Day to Add/Audit
Jan 31	Associate's degree Graduation Deadline - Spring 2014
Feb 17	President's Day
Feb 24	Mid-Term Grades Due
Feb 28	Last Day to Drop Individual Class
Feb 28	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Summer 2014
Mar 10-14	Spring Break
Mar 17	Fall 2014 Class schedule available online
Mar 17	Summer Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Mar 18	Summer Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Mar 19	Summer Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Mar 20	Summer Registration open to all students
Mar 28	Last Day for Complete Withdrawal
Apr 1	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Fall 2014
Apr 7	Fall Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Apr 8	Fall Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Apr 9	Fall Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Apr 10	Fall Registration open to all students
Apr 23	Classwork Ends
Apr 24	Reading Day
Apr 25	Final Exams
Apr 28-30, May 1	Final Exams
May 1	Associate's degree Graduation Deadline - Summer 2014
May 2	Commencement

Class Schedule

Jan 6	Course Introduction, Course Syllabus, <u>Chapter 1: Crime and Criminal Justice.</u>
Jan 13	<u>Chapter 4: Criminal Law: Substance and Procedure; Chapter 5: The Police: History and Contemporary Structure.</u> Review of Chapters 1, 4, & 5. (Test #1 will be in the testing center from 1/13-1/17. There will No Make-ups for those who do not take the exam during the regular scheduled time).
Jan 20	<i>MLK Holiday/No School.</i>
Jan 27	<u>Chapter 6: The Police: Organization, Role, and Function.</u>
Feb 3	<u>Chapter 7: Issues in Policing.</u> Video/In Class-Assignment "Behind the Badge."
Feb 10	<u>Chapter 8: Police and the Rule of Law;</u> Review of Chapters 6, 7, & 8, in preparation for mid-term examination.

- Feb 17 *President's Day/No School*
- Feb 24 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).
- Mar 3 Chapter 9: Court Structure and Personnel; Chapter 10: Pretrial and Trial Procedures;
Choose Term Paper Topics.
- Mar 10 *Spring Break/No School.*
- Mar 17 Chapter 11: Punishment and Sentencing; Review of Chapters 9, 10, & 11 (Note: Test #3 will be in the testing center until 3/21).
- Mar 24 *Library Day: Meet in Library during regular class time to work on term-papers. (Note: Term papers will be due at the beginning of class on 3/24).*
- Mar 31 Chapter 12: Community Sentences: Probation, Intermediate Sanctions, and Restorative Justice; Video/In Class-Assignment "Murder on a Sunday Morning."
- Apr 7 Chapter 13: Corrections, History, Institutions, and Populations; 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 4/11).
- Apr 14 Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice.
- Apr 21 Chapter 16: Crime and Justice in the New Millennium. Review of Chapters 15, & 16 (Note: Final Exam will be given in class at 5:00 p.m.)
- Apr 28 Final Exam!!!