

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: May 4, 2015 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 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 for 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 435.652.7516. 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. The schedule as noted on the website shows the following hours Monday-Friday 9 am-10 pm; Saturday 2 pm-10 pm; and Sunday 4 pm-10 pm. ***Note: The last test will be given 1 hour before closing.*** Hours may change in observance of holidays and special events. Please plan accordingly, and know that it will not be the responsibility of the instructor to provide a make-up examination to any student who fails to complete an examination during the scheduled dates.

### 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 421). Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call to set an appointment at 435-652-7629.

## **2015 Spring Semester**

- Jan 12 Classwork Starts
- Jan 15 Last Day for Waitlist
- Jan 16 Last Day to Add Without Signature
- Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Jan 22 Drop/Audit Fee Begins (\$10 per class)
- Jan 22 Residency Application Deadline
- Jan 27 \$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee
- Feb 2 Pell Grant Census
- Feb 2 Last Day for Refund

Feb 2 Last Day to drop without receiving a "W" grade  
 Feb 4 Courses dropped for non-payment  
 Feb 6 Last Day to Add/Audit  
 Feb 16 President's Day  
 Mar 2 Summer 2015 Bachelor's Degree Graduation Application Deadline  
 Mar 2 Mid-Term Grades Due  
 Mar 6 Last Day to Drop Individual Class  
 Mar 9-13 Spring Break  
 Mar 23 Fall Class schedule available online  
 Mar 23 Summer Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)  
 Mar 24 Summer Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)  
 Mar 25 Summer Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)  
 Mar 26 Spring Registration Open to All Students  
 Apr 1 Fall 2015 Bachelor's degree Graduation Application Deadline  
 Apr 10 Last Day for Complete Withdrawal  
 Apr 13 Fall Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)  
 Apr 14 Fall Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)  
 Apr 15 Fall Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)  
 Apr 16 Fall Registration open to all students  
 Apr 29 Classwork Ends  
 Apr 30 Reading Day  
 May 1 Final Exams  
 May 1 Associate's Degree Graduation Deadline-Summer 2015  
 May 4-7 Final Exams  
 May 8 Commencement

### Class Schedule

Jan 12 Course Introduction, Course Syllabus, Chapter 1: Crime and Criminal Justice.  
 Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/No School  
 Jan 26 *Video/In Class-Assignment "Behind the Badge."*  
 Feb 2 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 2/5).  
 Feb 9 Chapter 6: The Police: Organization, Role, and Function.  
 Feb 16 President's Day Holiday/No School  
 Feb 23 Chapter 7: Issues in Policing; Chapter 8: Police and the Rule of Law; Review of Chapters 6, 7, & 8, in preparation for mid-term examination. (Note: Test #2 "Mid-Term" will be in the testing center until 2/27)

- Mar 2 Chapter 9: Court Structure and Personnel; Chapter 10: Pretrial and Trial Procedures; Choose Term Paper Topics.
- Mar 9 Spring Break/No Class **Note: Review Chapter 11 Lecture and/or Test #3 Review in preparation for the exam!!**
- Mar 16 Meet in Testing Center to take Test #3 which will be given in the testing center from 5:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. (during regular class time only).
- Mar 23 Chapter 12: Community Sentences: Probation, Intermediate Sanctions, and Restorative Justice.
- Mar 30 *Video/In Class-Assigment "Murder on a Sunday Morning."*
- Apr 6 Chapter 13: Corrections, History, Institutions, and Populations.
- Apr 13 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 4/16).
- Apr 20 Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice.
- Apr 27 Chapter 16: Crime and Justice in the New Millennium; Review of Chapters 15, & 16.
- May 4 Final Exam!!!