

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice  
CRJU 1101  
Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Spring 2016

**Class:** Tuesdays/Thursdays 12:30-1:45 pm  
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**Textbook:**

No textbook required for this course. Materials will be available on D2L.

**Course Description:**

This course will provide students with an overview of the criminal justice system, including the historical development, present status, and suggested reforms. Topics covered will include the duties and functions of actors in the criminal justice system, including victim, offender, police, prosecuting and defense attorneys, courts, and corrections. Also covered is the criminal justice process from the formation of laws to the final stages of the treatment of criminals.

**Course Objectives:**

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Examine the main components of the criminal justice system
2. Analyze current issues, policies, and court cases within the criminal justice system
3. Examine the history and development of the criminal justice system
4. Analyze the role of law within the criminal justice system

**Prerequisite:**

ENGL 0099 and READ 0099, if required.

**Method of Instruction:**

Lectures, Films, Class Discussions

**Course Requirements:**

- Test 1 100 points
- Test 2 100 points
- Test 3 100 points
- Final Exam 100 points
- Research Paper 100 points
- Assignment 100 points

**Grading Scale:**

- A 90-100 Excellent
- B 80-89 Good
- C 70-79 Satisfactory
- D 60-69 Passing
- F 0-59 Failing

**Classroom Expectations:**

I expect students to attend class. If you are unable to attend class, you are responsible for getting the missed materials. You should speak with your classmates to get the notes. Students are responsible for any material presented in class including lectures, discussions, and films shown in class.

It is your responsibility to be in class for exams. Make up exams are at the discretion of the instructor, based on a legitimate medical/family emergency. Documentation may be requested.

**Student Conduct:**

Students should familiarize themselves with the University’s Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, I have the following requirements in my classroom:

- Please be on time to class. It is disruptive to come in late.
- Please turn off all electronic devices or place them on silent.
- Please be respectful of your classmates and not carry on side conversations while others are speaking.

**Sensitive Topics:**

The topics covered in any Criminal Justice course can be sensitive in nature. I appreciate hearing every student’s thoughts and ideas, but request that all thoughts are shared with respect. Most students will already have preconceived notions concerning the justice system and law enforcement and we will challenge those in this course.

**Accommodations:**

This course will be conducted in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student with a disability and anticipate needing any type of accommodation, please inform me at the beginning of the semester and make the appropriate arrangements with Disabled Student Support Services located in Suite 267 of the Carmichael Student Center Addition, 770-423-6443

**Course Outline:**

<b>Week 1</b> Jan 12 Jan 14	Welcome to class and Course Overview  <b>No Class Jan 14!</b>
<b>Week 2</b> Jan 19 Jan 21	Introduction to Crime and the Criminal Justice System
<b>Week 3</b> Jan 26 Jan 28	The Nature and Extent of Crime

<b>Week 4</b> Feb 2 Feb 4	Criminal Justice and the Law  <b>Feb 4- Exam 1</b>
<b>Week 5</b> Feb 9 Feb 11	The History of Policing
<b>Week 6</b> Feb 16 Feb 18	Policing on the Streets  <b>Feb 16- Assignment 1 Due</b>
<b>Week 7</b> Feb 23 Feb 25	Rule of Law  <b>Feb 25- Exam 2</b>
<b>Week 8</b> Mar 1 Mar 3	The Courts
<b>Week 9</b> Mar 8 Mar 10	Prosecution, Pretrial and Defense
<b>Week 10</b> Mar 15 Mar 17	Trial and Sentencing
<b>Week 11</b> Mar 22 Mar 24	Correctional Responses
<b>Week 12</b> Mar 29 Mar 31	Institutional Corrections  <b>Mar 31- Exam 3</b>
<b>Week 13</b> Apr 5 Apr 7	<b>SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS</b>
<b>Week 13</b> Apr 12 Apr 14	Prison Life and Reentry
<b>Week 14</b> Apr 19 Apr 21	Juvenile Justice  <b>Apr 21- Research Paper Due</b>
<b>Week 15</b> Apr 26 Apr 28	Special Topics
<b>Week 16</b> May 3	<b>Final Exam</b>