

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY and CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1101/02 – FOUNDATIONS of CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**CRN # 50211**  
**SYLLABUS – SUMMER 2016**

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Class times: Monday/Wednesday  
11:00 am – 1:45 pm  
Room 2021 Social Sciences  
Office hours M/W 10:00 – 11:00 am

**TEXT:**

Criminal Justice in America, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., Cole, Smith, & DeJong. Cengage Learning, Belmont, California, 2016. Required

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Gain a general understanding of the structure and functions of the three branches of the American criminal justice system.
2. Examine specific contemporary issues in each component of the criminal justice system.
3. Explore causes of criminal behavior and efforts to combat crime.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Attend class daily and arrive on time.
2. Read assigned material and come to class prepared. Students should be aware that the accelerated schedule for this summer course requires extra diligence and concentrated effort.
3. Participate in class discussions and activities.

4. Graded assignments:

Examinations: 5 section exams, plus a cumulative final. Students will be tested on material covered in class lectures and discussions, videos, handouts, and the textbook. Each section test is worth 30 points out of a total of 150; the final exam is worth 50 points. Section exams will be given **only** during the first 30 minutes of each the class period. The final exam will be given **only** during the time listed in the course schedule below.

Make-up exams: Each student may make up ONE of the section exams. Make-ups will be given **ONLY** during the date and time listed in the Course Schedule. These exams will not be identical to the ones given during the semester, but will be in the same format and will cover the same material.

The final exam is mandatory. Please note that the date and time shown in the Course Schedule is the **ONLY** time the final will be given; there is no opportunity to make up or reschedule this exam.

No “extra credit” assignments will be given. Don’t even ask.

Grades, announcements, and schedule changes will be posted on D2L Brightspace. Students are urged to check their D2L site regularly. All electronic communications with the instructor regarding course-related matters must be submitted through the D2L mail feature, NOT the standard KSU email system.

**USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Students are not permitted to use laptop or tablet computers, cell phones, or other electronic devices during class, except in the case of a documented disability requiring the use of such device. Any student discovered using an electronic device during class will be directed to secure it and will be counted as absent for that day’s class.

**RECORDING:** Students may not record (audio, video, still photography) the lectures or class discussions without prior permission from the instructor.  
Students do not have my consent to use recording devices in the classroom or in my office.

**GRADING:** The final grade will be assigned as a letter grade, based on the following scale:

A = 200-180 total points

B = 179-160 total points

C = 159-140 total points

D = 139-120 total points

F = < 120 total points

A grade of Incomplete will be given only in rare circumstances, for good cause shown, such as a serious illness that precludes completion of the course. An Incomplete will not be given solely for failure to complete assignments on time. The instructor and the department chair shall have sole discretion in granting an Incomplete grade.

**ATTENDANCE:** Regular class attendance is directly related to academic success. Therefore, attendance in class should be a priority, and a mandatory attendance policy will be enforced. Each student will be allowed a maximum of two absences during the semester. These are at the student’s discretion – no doctor’s notes or other documentation is required. However, upon the third and subsequent absence, 5 points will be deducted from the student’s final grade for each class missed.

Roll will be called at the start of each class. Students who arrive late are solely responsible for checking in with the instructor **IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS**. Failure to do so will result in the student being considered absent for that day. Two late arrivals are the equivalent of one absence.

The only exceptions to this policy are for documented mandatory military service or a court subpoena or summons.

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section III of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which may include an informal resolution by a faculty member resulting in a grade adjustment or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject the student to the minimum one-semester suspension required by the Code of Conduct.

Cheating, plagiarism or academic dishonesty in any form will result in a grade of F for the course. In addition, a report will be filed with the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

COURSE SCHEDULE  
(tentative)

June 1	Introduction/ review syllabus Chapter 1
June 6	Chapter 1 continued
June 8	Chapter 2
June 13	Chapter 2 continued
June 15	<b>FIRST EXAM</b> Chapter 3
June 20	Chapter 3 continued
June 22	<b>SECOND EXAM</b> Chapter 4
June 27	Chapter 5
June 29	Chapter 6
July 4	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
July 6	<b>THIRD EXAM</b> Chapter 7
July 11	Chapter 8
July 13	Chapter 9
July 18	<b>FOURTH EXAM</b> Chapter 10
July 20	Chapter 11
July 15	Chapters 12 &13
July 20	Chapter 15
July 22	<b>FIFTH EXAM</b> Chapter 14 <b>MAKEUP EXAMS</b>
July 25	<b>FINAL EXAM 11:30 am – 1:30 pm</b>