

**CJ 261.07**  
**Introduction to Criminal Justice**  
**Spring 2008**

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**Class Hours:** Wednesday 6:00pm - 8:50pm  
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**Required Reading:**

Schmallegger, F. **Criminal Justice, A Brief Introduction**, (7<sup>th</sup> ED). Pearson Prentice Hall Publishing (2007).

**Course Description:**

An introduction to criminal justice designed to expose students to the diverse and complex criminal justice system. Students will acquire a thorough and comprehensive understanding of crime and justice in the United States.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Introduce the laws, procedures, and policies involved in procession an offender through the criminal justice system.
2. Allow students to develop an understanding of roles and responsibilities of various officials involved in the court system.
3. Examine the police role, the judicial system function, and correctional techniques used in dealing with offenders.
4. Familiarize the students with the history of the public's attitudes toward the offender and the resulting changes in laws, systems policies, and legal practice.
5. Analyze and evaluate the future of the CJ System.

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance will be recorded pursuant to University policy. Role will be taken each class session. **More than five (5) absences will result in failure of the course.** This rule applies to all absences for whatever reason. No distinction will be made for excused or unexcused absences.

**Classroom Conduct and Participation:**

Students are encouraged to participate in scholarly debate of the issues pertinent of this course. It is expected that alternative opinions may arise between members of the class including the instructor. All students are expected to treat others with respect to their opinions. **Blatant disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated in the classroom. Violations of this policy will result in immediate dismissal from the classroom.**

**Exams and Assignments:**

All exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short essays.

Class Assignments will consist of short writing assignments (usually one or two pages) that may cover a topic of discussion in the classroom or other current events that come up during the semester. More will be discussed on these as they come up.

**Grading Policy:**

Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%
Class Assignments	15%
Attendance/Participation	<u>10%</u>
	<b>100%</b>

**Make-up Exams:**

No make-up exams will be given unless arrangements have been made prior to the examination date.

Make-up exams must be taken within one (1) week of the original test date.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Please see the following website:

<http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

**Disabled Student Policy:**

Please see the following website:

[http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf\\_www/aps/811006.html](http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html)

**Services for Disabled Students:**

Please see the following website:

<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

**Student Absences on Religious Holiday Policy:**

Please see the following website:

<http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday>

**Writing Assistance:**

The Sam Houston Writing Center is available to all students who need writing assistance. The center is located in the Farrington Building, Room 111, and is open every day of the week. More information about the center and its services may be found at the following website:

<http://www.shsu.edu/~wctr>

**Course Outline:**

The following is a tentative schedule and is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. All materials are expected to be read before each class time so quality class participation can occur.

January 16	Class Introduction and Orientation
January 23	Chapter 1: What is Criminal Justice?
January 30	Chapter 2: The Crime Picture
February 6	Chapter 3: Criminal Law Review for Exam 1
February 13	<b>Exam 1</b>
February 20	Chapter 4: Policing: Purpose and Organization
February 27	Chapter 5: Policing: Legal Aspects
March 5	Chapter 6: Policing: Issues and Challenges Review for Exam 2
March 12	<b>Spring Break</b>
March 19	<b>Exam 2</b>
March 26	Chapter 7: The Courts
April 2	Chapter 8: The Courtroom Work Group and the Criminal Trial
April 9	Chapter 10: Probation, Parole, and Community
April 16	Chapter 11: Prisons and Jails
April 23	<b>No Class (There will be an out of class assignment)</b>
April 30	Chapter 13: Juvenile Justice
May 7	Review for Final Exam
May 12	<b>Final Exam</b>