

CJ 339
HISTORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SPRING 2008

COURSE SYLLABUS

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REQUIRED TEXT

Mitchel P. Roth, *Crime and Punishment: A History of the Criminal Justice System*, Wadsworth, 2005.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to give the student an understanding of the evolution of the American criminal justice system. By studying its antecedents dating back to the ancient world we can better understand the changing nature of crime and punishment as well as the diversities and similarities of various cultures in regards to issues pertaining to criminal justice. The components of criminal justice are not new, but have been shaped by the historical process, therefore it is essential to have a clear understanding of what this process consists of.

COURSE METHOD

This course is comprised of a series of power point lectures and films. While the lectures are designed to chronologically follow the text, emphasis will be placed on various problems and controversies which will be dealt with in their historical context. Such lectures and discussions will include patterns of violence, the jury system, the history of capital punishment, the development of law enforcement, and penology as well as other contemporary issues. **I DO NOT POST POWER POINTS; PLEASE TAKE NOTES!**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Since the lectures are designed to supplement the textbook, attendance is essential because lectures are not intended to duplicate the text, but to enhance its significance. In addition more than two unexcused absence will result in the student being ineligible for any curve or dropped grades. Excessive absences can **adversely affect your grade.**

GRADING POLICY

There will be four exams during the semester. These exams will not be comprehensive. Each exam will be equally weighted toward your final grade (25%). If you miss an exam you will have to take a make-up exam. **All make-up exams will be given the last week of**

the semester. Exams will be objective (multiple choice/True and false) question. Study handouts will be given out before each exam.

MAKE-UPS

If you miss an exam you must make it up. All make-ups will be given on May 9.

CELL PHONES and Other Electronic gadgets: These should be turned off and out of sight during class. A violation of this rule will result in the class staying until 12:20 and the student being given an absence for that class!

LAPTOPS should be used only for class related notes. Do not bring to surf, play games, etc. Any violation of this will result in a ban on these in the classroom and an absence for the student.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

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

DISABLED STUDENT POLICY

<http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf/www/aps/811006.html>

SERVICES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

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

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY POLICY

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

AGENDA AND TOPIC LIST

This is a tentative list of topics to be covered, many of which are covered in the text.

TENTATIVE AGENDA AND TOPICS

Jan 17

INTRODUCTION

Jan 22 and 24

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

From Custom to Code

Hammurabi

Mosaic Law/10 Commandments

Athenian Law/Trial of Socrates

Ancient Rome/12 Tables-Justinian's Code

Augustan Policing

Read CH. 1

Jan 29, 31, Feb 5

DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH COMMON LAW

Anglo Saxon England

Norman Conquest

Magna Carta

Fourth Lateran Council

Crime Patterns of Medieval England

Henry VIII and Protestant Reformation

English Bill of Rights

Thief Taking

Read Ch. 2

FEB. 7-----EXAM 1

Feb 12 and 14

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN EARLY AMERICA

Colonial justice systems: Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania

Salem Witch Trials

John Peter Zenger Case

Read Ch. 3

Feb 19

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN REVOLUTIONARY TIMES

US Constitution

Birth of the Penitentiary

Read Ch. 4

Feb 21, 26

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE NEW NATION

French and English police systems

Southern Police traditions

John Marshal and the US Supreme Court

Alien and Sedition Acts: Parallels with today
Rise of the American Penitentiary
Read Ch. 5

Feb 28 and March 4
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN ANTEBELLUM AMERICA
NYPD
The Mary Rogers Case
Edgar Allen Poe and the Detective Story
Vigilantes and private policing
Rioting
Temperance Movement
Dred Scott Case
Read Ch. 6

March 6-----**EXAM 2**

MARCH 10-14-----**SPRING BREAK**

March 18
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA
Drug addiction
Civil Rights
Federal Law enforcement
Private Detectives
KKK
Reformatory Movement
Lincoln's assassination and aftermath
Read Ch. 7

March 20
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN VICTORIAN AMERICA
Plessy v. Ferguson
Comstock laws
Wayward Sisters
Criminalistics
Child Savers and juvenile justice
Lizzie Borden Case
Read. Ch. 8

March 25 and 27
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE PROGRESSIVE ERA
White Slave Traffic
Prohibition
Eugenics Movement
Police Professionalism

**Red Scare
Read Ch. 9**

**April 1, 3 and 8
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE CRISIS DECADES
State Policing
Drug Enforcement
Criminology and Police Professionalism
Kansas City Massacre and Rise of FBI
St. Valentine's Day Massacre
Prison Industries
Racket Busters
Read Ch. 10**

APRIL 10-----EXAM 3

**April 15 and 17
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT MIDCENTURY
McCarthy and the HUAC Hearings
LAPD model
Specter of Organized Crime
Juvenile crime
Sensational crimes
Read Ch. 11**

**April 22 and 24
NATIONALIZATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Mandatory sentencing
Supreme Court cases
Rioting and civil disobedience
Read Ch. 12**

**April 29 and May 1
CONTEMPORARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Read Ch. 13**

**May 6 and 8
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE NEW MILLENIUM
Read Ch. 14**

**May 8-----LAST CLASS
May 9-----ALL MAKE-UPS
May 15-----FINAL EXAM (11-1)**

