

CJ 261.06W
Introduction to Criminal Justice
Spring 2008

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Class Hours: Monday 6:00pm - 8:50pm
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Required Reading:

Schmallegger, F. **Criminal Justice, A Brief Introduction**, (7th 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, essays, and identification of criminal investigation techniques depending on where the class is at exam time.

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>
	100%

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

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 28	Class Introduction and Orientation
February 4	Chapter 1: What is Criminal Justice?
February 11	Chapter 2: The Crime Picture
February 18	Chapter 3: Criminal Law Review for Exam 1
February 25	Exam 1
March 3	Chapter 4: Policing: Purpose and Organization
March 10	Spring Break
March 17	Chapter 5: Policing: Legal Aspects
March 24	Chapter 6: Policing: Issues and Challenges Review for Exam 2
March 31	Exam 2
April 7	Chapter 7: The Courts
April 14	Chapter 8: The Courtroom Work Group and the Criminal Trial
April 21	Chapter 10: Probation, Parole, and Community
April 28	Chapter 11: Prisons and Jails
May 5	Chapter 13: Juvenile Justice Review for Final Exam
May 12	Final Exam