

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Name: Introduction to Criminal Justice
Course Number: CRJU 101
Section Number: 00
Meeting Times: T & Th. 12:30 – 1:45
Location: Currell 107 (Auditorium)

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Course Materials

Required text: Schmallegger, Frank (2003) Criminal Justice Today (9th ed.)

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the criminal justice system. The primary goal of this course is for you, the student, to develop a general understanding of the criminal justice system's response to crime in society. It should be noted that the general theme of this course involves the delicate balance between community interests and individual rights that criminal justice decision making requires. We will explore this theme by examining the criminal justice process in some detail, focusing on how the system is structured to respond to crime. This requires an understanding of the core elements of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.

Class Attendance Policy

Class attendance is encouraged. Students who attend class regularly have earned grades of B or higher. Students who attend on a semi regular basis generally fall in the C range and those who rarely attend usually fall in the D to F range. This information is based on the history of over 800 students who have taken this course in the past. In other words I am not going to check everyday to see if you are in your seat. That is your responsibility. Attendance will be taken randomly throughout the semester and those students who attend regularly will be afforded extra credit at the end of the semester.

CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>
8/23	Introduction	
8/28	The Nature of Crime	TBA
8/30	The Nature of Crime	TBA
9/4	What is CRJU	Ch. 1
9/6	What is Criminal Justice	Ch. 1
9/11	The Crime Picture	Ch. 2
9/13	Search for Causes	Ch. 3
9/18	Criminal Law	Ch. 4
9/20	Criminal Law	Ch. 4
9/25	Criminal Law	Ch. 4
9/27	Policing History & Structure	Ch. 5
10/2	Examination 1	
10/9	Policing History & Structure	Ch. 5
10/11	Fall Break: No Class	
10/16	Police Management	Ch. 6
10/18	Policing Legal Aspects	Ch. 7
10/23	Policing Legal Aspects	Ch. 7
10/25	Policing Legal Aspects	Ch. 7
10/30	Policing Legal Aspects	Ch. 7
11/1	Policing: Issues & Challenges	Ch. 8
11/6	The Courts	Ch. 9

