

Fayetteville State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Criminal Justice
CRJC 200.EC2
Spring 2011

I. Locator Information

Course: CRJC 200-EC2: Introduction to Criminal Justice
Term: Spring 2011
Credit hours: 3
Meeting times: 2:47 pm to 4:17 pm, M, W, and sometimes F
Class location: Butler 111
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T, TR 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Or by appointment

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II. Course description

This course is designed to give you an overview of the field of criminal justice. You will become familiar with the three main components of the system, policing, courts, and corrections, and be introduced to some new areas that are receiving attention as of late.

III. Disabled Student Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ACA) of 1990, if you have a disability or think you have a disability to please contact the Center for Personal Development in the Spaulding Building, Room 155 (1st Floor); 910-672-1203.

IV. Textbook

Bohm, R.M. & Haley, K.N. (2007). *Introduction to criminal justice* (4th edition). New York: McGraw-Hill.

V. Student Learning Outcomes

[CRJC 200 – Introduction to Criminal Justice] Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:	
Identify the major components of the U.S. criminal justice system and differentiate the functions of each component.	Exams – multiple choice, true/false, short answer In class exercises – to demonstrate understanding of reading
Identify and critically examine commonly-held myths about crime and criminal justice	Exams – multiple choice, true/false, short answer In class exercises – to demonstrate understanding of reading
Increase awareness of disparity issues in the U.S. criminal justice system	Exams – multiple choice, true/false, short answer In class exercises – to demonstrate understanding of reading
Understand how policies/legislation impacts the U.S. criminal justice system	Exams – multiple choice, true/false, short answer In class exercises – to demonstrate understanding of reading

VI. Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

- A. Final grades are based a combination of three scores.
1. **Exams:** (400 points – 4 exams 100 points each)
 2. **Research Paper:** (100 points – 1 paper 100 points each)
 3. **In-class exercises:** (500 points – 5 exercises 100 points each)
- B. Grading system
Total of 100 points possible
A= 92 – 100% (920 - 1000 pts.)
B=83 – 91% (830 - 919 pts.)
C=73 – 82% (730 - 820 pts.)
D=64 – 72% (640 - 729 pts.)
F=63% and below (639 pts or below)
- C. Missed or late assignments/exams
1. Make-up exams will be conducted within one week of the missed exam. The student will need to make arrangements with the instructor as to time and place of make-up exam.
Make-up exams are allowed only for those students with valid excuses, which will be determined by the instructor. You must call the instructor to indicate that you will be unable to attend. **If you**

do not contact me on the day you missed the exam you will not be able to make it up at all.

Do not show up late. If you show up late (by 10 minutes) or after someone has already finished the exam, you will not be able to take the exam. No exceptions. This means - be prepared.

2. Papers: ten percent of points available will be deducted for each day late, not including weekends.
3. In-class exercises: Because of the spontaneous nature of the in class exercises, no late work will be accepted.

VII. Course Outline and Assignment Schedule

WEEK	READING ASSIGNMENT	SUBJECT	ASSIGNMENTS
Jan. 10 – 14	Introduction to Course	Introduction	None
Jan. 17 – 21	Part 1: Crime and Law Crime and Justice in the United States	Chapter 1	In-class 1
Jan. 24 – 28	Crime and Its Consequences	Chapter 2	None
Jan. 31 - Feb. 4	Explaining Crime	Chapter 3	In-class 2
Feb. 7 – 11	The Rule of Law	Chapter 4	Exam 1
Feb. 14 – 18	Part 2: Law Enforcement History and Structure of US Law Enforcement	Chapter 5	None
Feb. 21 – 25	Policing Roles, Styles, and Functions	Chapter 6	In-class 3
Feb. 28 - March 4	Policing America: Issues and Ethics	Chapter 7	Mid-Term Exam
March 7 – 11	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
March 14 – 18	Part 3: The Courts The Administration of Justice	Chapter 8	None
March 21 – 25	Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty	Chapter 9	In-class 4
March 28 – April 1	Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty	Chapter 9	None
April 4 – 8	Part 4: Corrections Institutional Corrections	Chapter 10	Exam 3
April 11 – 15	Institutional Corrections	Chapter 10	In-class 5
April 18 – 22	Prison Life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism	Chapter 11	Research Paper Due
April 25 – 29	Community Corrections	Chapter 12	None
May 2 – 6	Final Exam	Final Exam	Final Exam

X. Teaching Strategies

This class will be based on lectures and discussion. Because there will be a lot of new information each day will start out with a traditional lecture format, but will include discussion on highlighted issues for the day and/or issues that students want to explore further. Students are expected to be full participants in directing the discussion for each day.

XI. Bibliography

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

Godfrey, Barry. S., P. Lawrence, and C. A. Williams (2008) *History and Crime*. Sage Publications.