

CRJ 104: Introduction to Administration of Justice

Wintermester 2019

Number of Credits

3 Credits

Instructor

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Catalog Description

American criminal justice system, its development, components, and processes; includes consideration of crime and criminal justice as a formal area of study.

Required Textbooks/Materials

The following texts are required material in this course:

Peak, K., & Madensen, T. D. (2018). Introduction to Criminal Justice – Practice & Process (3rd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publishing.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the criminal justice field—the key components of the criminal justice system and the importance of research in shaping policy and the political channels through which justice issues are processed;
- understand criminological theory, its concepts, and research evidence; identify significant crime and victimization problems;
- identify and define the roles and functions of the police including the history, organizational structure, effectiveness of patrolling strategies, and challenges faced in policing;
- demonstrate an understanding of the importance of the constitution, including the organization, purpose, and process of courts, and the people involved in courtroom matters;
- describe methods of sentencing and the goals of punishment and rehabilitation; describe the nature of incarceration, reentry and aftercare;

- describe early treatment of juveniles and the juvenile justice system; discuss the extent of juvenile crimes; and
- comprehend crime policies and prevention initiatives and challenges.

First “Week” of Materials/Assignments

The following schedule is subject to change:

January 2: Read the syllabus; chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4; and the assigned article.

January 3: Read the syllabus; chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4; and the assigned article.

January 4: Read the syllabus; chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4; and the assigned article.

Submit reflection paper by 11:59 p.m.

Course Details

This course offers an overview of the criminal justice system, its development, components, and processes. The topics in this course include the structure and processes of the criminal justice system, theories of crime and behavior, policing, courts, corrections, juvenile justice, and crime policy and prevention.

Grade Breakdown

The point distribution for the course is:

Assignment	Points
Exam 1	20 (80 points)
Exam 2	20 (80 points)
Exam 3	20 (80 points)
Final Exam	20 (80 points)
Reflection Assignments	20 (80 points)
<i>Total</i>	100 (400 points)

The percentage distribution for the course is:

Grade	%
A	94-100
A-	90-93.9
B+	87-89.9
B	84-86.9
B-	80-83.9
C+	77-79.9
C	74-76.9
C-	70-73.9

D	60-69.9
F	59.9 or Below