UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology  

CRMJ 1001 – Intro to Criminal Justice  
3 Credit Hours  

Fall 2019  
T/R 9:35 AM - 10:50 AM  
Classroom Building: Room 214  

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Required Text:  

Course Description:  
Introductory analysis of crime and the criminal justice system. Topics include: crime, the law, policing, courts, and corrections. The role of the social, legal, and political environments is also central to the course.  

Student Learning Outcomes:  
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:  
- Identify the components, processes, and major actors in the criminal justice system  
- Discuss the major challenges faced by the criminal justice system  
- Distinguish between myths and realities of the criminal justice system  
- Describe the historical development of the criminal justice system  

Major Topics  
- Crime/measurement  
- Police  
- Courts  
- Corrections  
- Criminal justice actors  

Course Requirements:  
Your grade for the course will be based on four examinations and four out of class assignments. The total number of points in the course is 500.  

Four Examinations:  
Four examinations will be given in the course; one corresponding to crime measurement and issues, and the CJS (exam one), one corresponding to the policing chapters (exam two), one corresponding to the courts (examination three), and one corresponding to corrections
(examination four). The examinations will not be cumulative. The examinations will cover all
the material in the book regardless of whether or not it was discussed in class. They will also
cover all the information covered in the lectures, regardless of whether or not it was discussed in
the book. The examinations will consist of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in the blank,
listing, and short answer/essay questions. Each exam will be worth 100 points. A blue Scantron
is required for each exam. Students are responsible for bringing their own Scantron to the
class. Total number of points: 400

Out of Class Assignments:
There will be four assignments that students will be required to complete outside of class. Due
dates and times for each of these assignments are listed in this syllabus and must be turned in to
WyoCourses under the assignments section on the due date. No late assignments will be
accepted. No emailed assignments will be accepted. These assignments are designed to expose
students to writing and application of critical thinking in the criminal justice system. Directions
for each assignment will be posted on WyoCourses. Assigned point values for each of these
assignments are as follows:
Assignment 1: 10 points
Assignment 2: 20 points
Assignment 3: 20 points
Assignment 4: 50 points
Total points: 100

Course Policies

Class Attendance
I do not take attendance in this course; however, class should be treated as you would a job (e.g.,
be on time, attend all classes). In addition, I will not be posting lecture notes aside from heading
information, so it is imperative that you come to class to get the notes. If you miss class, it will
be your responsibility to get the missed material from another classmate.

Missing an Examination:
Make-up examinations will not be given without a documented (e.g., doctor’s note) and valid
excuse (e.g., severe illness, family emergency, etc.). With emergencies, you must contact me via
email within 24 hours of the missed examination; however, you still need to provide proper
documentation. Failure to contact me within 24 hours and provide me with proper
documentation will result in a zero for the missed examination. If, with the proper notification of
24 hours and documentation is given, a make-up examination is given, it may be an alternative
version to the original examination (e.g., it can be in any format – all essay, all fill-in the blank, all
short answer, a combination of formats, etc.). If a make-up examination is scheduled and you fail to
complete the make-up examination at the scheduled time, you will receive a zero on the examination.

General Courtesy Issues:
We may discuss topics that are very sensitive in nature during this class. I expect that all students
will treat one another with respect at all times. Any disrespectful behavior and/or language will
not be tolerated, and you will be dismissed from the class for that day.
You may not record or take pictures of my lecture. Additionally, do not come late to class and/or leave early (unless you otherwise have made arrangements with me), sleep, text message, read outside materials, or wear headphones during the class period. Also, please turn your cell phones off or on silent. If you engage in any of the above behaviors, you may be asked to leave the class.

**Contacting Me:**
The best way to contact me is through email: jsnyde29@uwyo.edu. I check my email at least once per day, so you should receive a response from me within 24 hours (except weekends). In emails, you **MUST** refer to the course in the subject line. Use proper email etiquette (e.g., Dr. Snyder). It is very important to check your email on a regular basis as important class information (e.g., assignments, class cancellations, and changes in the syllabus) will be relayed via email.

**WyoCourses:**
As a resource for this class, a WyoCourse site is available to you. This site provides the opportunity to have all of the course materials in one place that is accessible to everyone. Assignments and announcements will be posted to this site. As part of the requirements for this class, you are expected to check and use this site regularly. **Make sure to check your UW email as this is the address that will be utilized for any posted announcements.**

**Additional student resources regarding UW’s commitment to diversity, upholding non-discriminatory policies and Title IV, duty to report, academic dishonesty, information on disability services, as well as other resources can be found on the class WyoCourses site under the Classroom Climate and Conduct and Learning Tools tabs.**

**Final Grade Distribution and Scale:**

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**Final Grading Scale:**

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Course Outline

Week 1:
Thurs Sept 5  Course Overview/Introduction and Syllabus

Week 2:
Tues Sept 10  Chapter 1 – Crime and Justice in the United States
Thurs Sept 12  Chapter 1 – Crime and Justice in the United States

Week 3:
Tues Sept 17  Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences
Thurs Sept 19  Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences

Week 4:
Tues Sept 24  Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law
Assignment 1: Due 9:00am in WyoCourses
Thurs Sept 26  Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law

Week 5:
Tues Oct 1    Exam 1: Crime measurement, Chapters 1, 2, and 4
Thurs Oct 3   Chapter 5 – History of the Police

Week 6:
Tues Oct 8    Chapter 5 – History of the Police
Thurs Oct 10  Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions

Week 7:
Tues Oct 15   Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions
Thurs Oct 17  Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics

Week 8:
Tues Oct 22   Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics
Assignment 2: Due in 9:00am in WyoCourses
Thurs Oct 24  Chapter 7 and catch up

Week 9:
Tues Oct 29   Exam 2: Policing Chapters 5, 6, and 7, Readings, and class lecture
Thurs Oct 31  Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice

Week 10:
Tues Nov 5    Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
Thurs Nov 7   Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice/Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty
Assignment 3: Due 9:00am in WyoCourses
Week 11:

Tues Nov 12  Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty

Thurs Nov 14  **Guest speaker**

Week 12:

Tues Nov 19  Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty

Thurs Nov 21  **Exam 3: Courts Chapters 8 and 9, Readings, and class lecture**

Week 13:

Tues Nov 26  **NO CLASS, work on Final paper**

Thurs Nov 28  **Thanksgiving NO CLASS**

Week 14:

Tues Dec 3  Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections

Thurs Dec 5  Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections; Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism

Week 15:

Tues Dec 10  Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism; Chapter 12 – Community Corrections

Thurs Dec 12  Chapter 12 – Community Corrections

**Assignment 4: 9:00am WyoCourses**

**Final Exam: Thursday Dec. 19th – 10:15am-12:15pm**

**Chapters 10, 11, and 12 and class lecture**

Class Cancellations:
If it is necessary to cancel class, I will make every effort to contact you before you come to campus or class through sending an email. However, if that is not possible, students should wait at least 15 minutes before assuming class is cancelled. If an examination was scheduled the day of the cancellation, it will be held at the next class period.

Changes to the Course:
The information in this syllabus (including grading, attendance, late policies, exams, and assignments) and class schedule are and may be subject to change. This information should be seen as tentative. However, you will be notified in class and via WyoCourses/email of any changes that may occur during the semester.