

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

CRMJ 1001 – Intro to Criminal Justice
3 Credit Hours

Fall 2020
T/R: 1:20-2:35PM (MT)
Online using Zoom

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Wednesdays 11:00-1:00pm and Thursdays 2:45-3:45pm
and by appointment (MT)



Required Text:

Bohm, Robert M., & Keith A. Haley. (2018).
Introduction to Criminal Justice (9th Edition).
Boston: McGraw Hill.



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 CJ 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 Set-up and Zoom Information:

This course will function like a face-to-face class. We will:

- Have live lectures via Zoom during course times (T/R 1:20-2:35 MT)
- Have synchronous (live) discussions and activities on Zoom
- NOT be meeting in the classroom for safety
- Use the same Zoom link for every class period. This link can be found under the Zoom section in WyoCourses

Due to the large class size, students will be divided into TWO groups:

- Group One meets live for lecture and discussion via Zoom every Tuesday
- Group Two meets live for lecture and discussion via Zoom every Thursday
- You will be notified of your group by the first day of classes and this information will also be posted on WyoCourses.

Lectures will be recorded for each class period and posted on WyoCourses so that in the day your group is not meeting live via Zoom you will have access to the lecture from that day. This will allow for smaller group discussion and flexibility in the course. Additionally, if you are sick and are unable to make your Zoom session, you will also have access to the lectures you missed. This course is designed to be as flexible as possible during this difficult time.

Course Requirements:

Your grade for the course will be based on 10 quizzes and three writing assignments.

Weekly Quiz information:

Each chapter will have a quiz (except chapter 1) containing 15 multiple choice questions, worth 30 points each. Quizzes will be located in WyoCourses under the quizzes link on the left-hand side of the course page and in that week's module. Quizzes will cover the material from that week's chapter and are not cumulative. **Quizzes will open on Thursdays at 6:00PM MT and close on Sundays at 11:59 PM MT.** Students are strongly advised to not wait until the last minute to complete quizzes.

Quiz Guidelines:

- No makeup quizzes will be given unless there are special circumstances (e.g., you are sick – please contact me).
- Only one attempt per quiz is allowed.
- Once a quiz is opened, it must be completed.
- Students will have 20 minutes to complete each quiz. The quiz will close after the allotted time has expired.
- Students may not use any notes, the book, persons, or study aids to complete the quizzes. This will be considered cheating



Total number of points: 300

Writing Assignments:

There will be three writing assignments that students will be required to complete. 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: 25 points

Assignment 2: 25 points

Assignment 3: 50 points

Total points: 100



Final Grade Distribution and Scale:

Quizzes: 300 points

Writing Assignments: 100 points

Total: 400 points

Final Grading Scale:

Percentage	Grade
90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% or less	F

Course Policies:

Class Attendance:

I will not take attendance during class. However, it is imperative that you attend the Zoom sessions that you are scheduled for in order to keep the class as normal as possible. If you get sick, please let me know so that I may ensure you receive the information you missed. This class should be treated similar to a face-to-face class (e.g., please make sure you are on time and do not leave early).

Missing a Quiz:

With emergencies and illness, please try to contact me via email (jsnyde29@uwyo.edu) within 24 hours of the missed quiz. If you are not able to contact me within 24 hours, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements. Flexibility is available given sickness.

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 lecture for that day. Please be sure that while on Zoom your camera is on (if you are able) and that your microphone remains muted unless we are doing discussion. This will cut down on distractions during lecture periods.

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 and WyoCourses.

WyoCourses:

This course will rely heavily on WyoCourses. All course lectures, materials, assignments, and grades will be posted here. 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.

Class Cancellations:

If it is necessary to cancel a class lecture session, I will make every effort to contact you before you come to class (online) through sending an email.

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. Considering the current situation with COVID-19, this information should be seen as tentative. However, you will be notified via WyoCourses/email of any changes that may occur during the semester.

Course Inclusivity:

We understand that our class represents a rich variety of backgrounds and perspectives. We are committed to providing an atmosphere for learning that respects diversity. While working together to build this community we ask all members to:

- share your unique experiences, values and beliefs
- be open to the views of others
- honor the uniqueness of your classmates
- appreciate the opportunity that we have to learn from each other in this community
- value each other's opinions and communicate in a respectful manner
- remember that this is a safe space to discuss ideas and thoughts that others may not want shared outside
- use this opportunity together to discuss ways in which we can create an inclusive environment in this course and across the University community

Accommodations:

It is our goal to support all learners be successful in this course. We hope that we can work together to create an environment in which you can be successful. If there is some way we can help you be more successful in this course please do not hesitate to contact the instructors. In addition, if you have a physical, learning, sensory or psychological disability and require accommodations, please let us know as soon as possible. You will need to register with, and possibly provide documentation of your disability to University Disability Support Services (UDSS) in SEO, room 109 Knight Hall. You may also contact UDSS at (307) 766-6189 or udss@uwy.edu. Visit their website for more information: uwy.edu/udss (Links to an external site.)

COVID-19 Policies:

During the pandemic, you must abide by all UW policies and public health rules put forward by the City of Laramie, the University of Wyoming, and the State of Wyoming. Wear face coverings when you are with others, stay the required physical distance apart from others, take required COVID tests for campus presence and travel, and report your health status in COVID app daily.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week 1:

Tues Aug 25	Course Overview/Introduction and Syllabus (all students present on Zoom)
Thurs Aug 27	Chapter 1 – Crime and Justice in the United States (all students present on Zoom)

Week 2:

Tues Sep 1	Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences (group 1 on Zoom)
Thurs Sep 3	Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences (group 2 on Zoom) <i>Quiz 1 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT</i>

Week 3:

Tues Sep 8	Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law (group 1 on Zoom)
Thurs Sep 10	Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law (group 2 on Zoom) <i>Quiz 2 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT</i>

Week 4:

Tues Sep 15	Chapter 5 – History of the Police (group 1 on Zoom)
Thurs Sep 17	Chapter 5 – History of the Police (group 2 on Zoom) <i>Quiz 3 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT</i>

Week 5:

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| Tues Sep 22 | Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions
(group 1 on Zoom) |
| Thurs Sep 24 | Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions
(group 2 on Zoom)
<i>Quiz 4 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday
11:59pm MT</i> |

Week 6:

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| Tues Sep 29 | Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics
(group 1 on Zoom) |
| Thurs Oct 1 | Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics
(group 2 on Zoom)
<i>Quiz 5 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday
11:59pm MT</i> |

Week 7:

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| Tues Oct 6 | Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
(group 1 on Zoom) |
| Thurs Oct 8 | Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
(group 2 on Zoom)
<i>Assignment 1 Due: 11:59pm MT to WyoCourses</i> |

Week 8:

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| Tues Oct 13 | Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
(group 1 on Zoom) |
| Thurs Oct 15 | Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
(group 2 on Zoom)
<i>Quiz 6 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday
11:59pm MT</i> |

Week 9:

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| Tues Oct 20 | Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty
(group 1 on Zoom) |
| Thurs Oct 22 | Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty
(group 2 on Zoom) |

Week 10:

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| Tues Oct 27 | Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty
(group 1 on Zoom) |
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Thurs Oct 29 Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty (group 2 on Zoom)
Quiz 7 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT

Week 11:

Tues Nov 3 Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections (group 1 on Zoom)

Thurs Nov 5 Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections (group 2 on Zoom)
Quiz 8 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT

Week 12:

Tues Nov 10 Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism (group 1 on Zoom)
Assignment 2 due: 11:59pm MT to WyoCourses

Thurs Nov 12 Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism (group 2 on Zoom)
Quiz 9 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT

Week 13:

Tues Nov 17 Chapter 12 – Community Corrections (group 1 on Zoom)

Thurs Nov 19 Chapter 12 – Community Corrections (group 2 on Zoom)
Quiz 10 opens – 6:00pm MT and closes on Sunday 11:59pm MT

Week 14:

Nov 24 and Nov 26 NO Class meetings this week – Work on Final paper

Week 15:

Dec 1 and 4 NO Class meeting via Zoom
Documentaries and final paper

Final paper due (Assignment 3): (Monday) Dec 7th 11:59PM MT to WyoCourses