

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

CRMJ 1001 – Intro to Criminal Justice
3 Credit Hours

Spring 2020
M/W/F 1:10 PM - 2:00 PM

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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 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 three 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 three 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: 25 points

Assignment 2: 25 points

Assignment 3: 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 and illness, 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 lectures. 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:

Crime measurement Exam	100 points
Policing Exam:	100 points
Courts Exam:	100 points
Corrections Exam:	100 points
Out of class assignments:	100 points
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Total:	500 points

Final Grading Scale:

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

Course Schedule

Week 1:

- Mon Jan 27 Course Overview/Introduction and Syllabus
- Wed Jan 29 Chapter 1 – Crime and Justice in the United States
- Fri Jan 31 Chapter 1 – Crime and Justice in the United States/ Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences

Week 2:

- Mon Feb 3 Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences
- Wed Feb 5 Chapter 2 – Crime and its consequences
- Fri Feb 7 Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law

Week 3:

- Mon Feb 10 Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law
- Wed Feb 12 Chapter 4 – The Rule of Law
- Fri Feb 14 Exam review – Catchup

Week 4:

- Mon Feb 17 *Exam 1: Crime measurement, Chapters 1, 2, and 4, and class lecture*
- Wed Feb 19 Chapter 5 – History of the Police
- Fri Feb 21 Chapter 5 – History of the Police

Week 5:

- Mon Feb 24 Chapter 5 – History of the Police
- Wed Feb 26 Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions
- Fri Feb 28 Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions

Week 6:

- Mon Mar 2 Chapter 6 – Policing, Roles, Styles and Functions
- Wed Mar 4 Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics
- Fri Mar 6 Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics

Week 7:

- Mon Mar 9 Chapter 7 – Policing America: Issues and Ethics
Assignment 1 Due: 12:00pm (noon) MT to WyoCourses
- Wed Mar 11 Exam review – catch up
- Fri Mar 13 *Exam 2: Policing Chapters 5, 6, and 7, and class lecture*

Week 8:

- Mon Mar 16 *Spring Break – No class*
- Wed Mar 18 *Spring Break – No class*
- Fri Mar 19 *Spring Break – No class*

Week 9:

- Mon Mar 23 Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
- Wed Mar 25 Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice
- Fri Mar 27 Chapter 8 – The Administration of Justice

Week 10:

- Mon Mar 30 Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty
- Wed Apr 1 Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty
- Fri Apr 3 Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty

Week 11:

- Mon Apr 6 Chapter 9 – Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty (catch up)
- Wed Apr 8 *Exam 3: Courts Chapters 8 and 9, and class lecture*
- Fri Apr 10 Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections

Week 12:

- Mon Apr 13 Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections
- Wed Apr 15 Chapter 10 – Institutional Corrections
- Fri Apr 17 Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism
Assignment 2 due: 12:00pm (noon) MT to WyoCourses

Week 13:

- Mon Apr 20 Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism

Wed Apr 22 Chapter 11- Prison life, Inmate Rights, Release, and Recidivism

Fri Apr 24 Chapter 12 – Community Corrections

Week 14:

Mon Apr 27 Chapter 12 – Community Corrections

Wed Apr 29 Chapter 12 – Community Corrections

Fri May 1 *Exam 4 – Chapters 10, 11, and 12, and class lecture*

Week 15:

Mon May 4 Speaker (TBA)

Wed May 6 Speaker (TBA)

Fri May 8 Speaker (TBA)

Final paper due (Assignment 3): Monday May 11th 12:00pm (noon) MT to WyoCourses

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.