

CCJ 3024 Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice
Section 21306
Spring 2022

Course Information

Class Periods:

MWF Period 7 (1:55 PM – 2:45 PM)

Location:

LIT 0127

Instructor

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Email

Please contact me through Canvas. Ensure proper etiquette and professionalism in your email including formal salutations and grammar accuracy. Please tell me who you are and what class you are in when you email. I check my email daily, so if you do not receive a response from me within 24 hours then send a follow up email. Email responses are less frequent during weekends.

Course Description

This course will provide an advanced overview of criminal law, criminal procedure, and criminological theory emphasizing on the components of the criminal justice system: the police, the prosecutorial and defense functions, the judiciary and the field of corrections. The course will examine crime, how it is defined, the justice system, methods by which we study these areas, and explanations of criminal behavior.

Course Objectives

- Gain an understanding of the functions and practices of the criminal justice system
- Define role of police, courts, and corrections
- Develop an understanding of methods to study crime and how crime is defined
- Understand theoretical perspectives explaining criminal behavior

Recommended Textbook

- Title: Introduction to Criminal Justice: A Balanced Approach, 2nd Ed.
- Authors: Brian K. Payne, Willard M. Oliver, & Nancy E. Marion
- ISBN number: 978-1506-3241-97

Full Citation:

Payne, B. K., Oliver, W. M., & Marion, N. E. *Introduction to criminal justice: A balanced approach*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Attendance Policy

It is expected for you to be present in every class. However, there is no formal attendance grade. Instead, attendance will count towards extra credit to your final grade. You will receive two “free” absences for the semester. If you miss no more than two classes, then a total of two (2) extra credit points will be added to your final grade. It is your responsibility to gather notes and lecture information from other students if a class is missed. Excused absences will not count towards your two “free” absences, and excused absences must have provided documentation prior to class that day. Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the Graduate Catalog (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#attendance>) and require appropriate documentation. Additional information can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

Make-Up Policy

No late work will be accepted, nor will make-up assignments be given except during documented excused absences or emergencies per UF policy (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#absencestext>). All other reasons for missing assignment deadlines including technical issues are not excused for late work. If there are issues uploading or completing assignments, you must contact the instructor prior to the assignment due date. If you do not have a documented excused absence, then you will receive a '0' for the assignment. Make up assignments must be done within 72 hours of the original assignment. Make up assignments (including exams and quizzes) will not be in the same format nor include the same questions as the original assignment. It is your responsibility to contact me to make up an assignment for a university approved absence.

Class Expectations

This course explores ideas and areas of the criminal justice system that may be controversial or offensive and encourages class discussion on these topics. Students are expected to be professional in participation and respectful of others during discussion and potential controversial topics.

Assignments

Essay (25%): One essay assignment will be assigned to work on throughout the entirety of the course. The essay should detail a crime typology, its research, and how policy can better address it to reduce recidivism. More information will be provided via Canvas.

Exams (75%): A total of five (5) multiple choice exams will be given covering material from readings, class lectures, and discussions. Exams are administered via Canvas.

Grading Scheme

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Final Grade
Essay	250	25%
Exam 1	150	15%
Exam 2	150	15%
Exam 3	150	15%
Exam 4	150	15%
Exam 5	150	15%
Total	1000	100%

Grading Scale

Grade	Percentage
A	92+
A-	90-91
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
E	<59

Final grades will be rounded to the nearest whole number. No grade boosts or additional extra credit opportunities are granted as opportunities for extra credit must be consistent for the whole class. Information on current UF grading policies can be found at

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>.

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluations results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions found at <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

COVID Statements

In attempts to stay updated as changes occur, UF policy on COVID-19 can be found at <https://coronavirus.ufl.edu/university-updates/>. As of August 18, 2021, masks are expected, but not required, inside any UF facility, even if you are vaccinated.

Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading (before class)	Assignment
Week 1			
1/5/2022	Introduction to course and syllabus	Syllabus	
1/7/2022	Introduction to Criminal Justice	Chapter 1: p. 7-12	
Week 2			
1/10/2022	Perspectives on Crime	Chapter 2: 35-38	
1/12/2022	Perspectives on Crime (cont.)	Chapter 2: 44-52	
1/14/2022	Measuring Crime	Chapter 3: p. 58-72	
Week 3			
1/17/2022	No class Martin Luther King Jr. Day	None	
1/19/2022	Measuring Crime (cont.)	Chapter 3: p. 75-89	
1/21/2022	Exam 1 opens until 11:59pm via Canvas	None	Exam 1
Week 4			
1/24/2022	APA Review	None	
1/26/2022	Crime Typologies	Chapter 4: p. 93-111	
1/28/2022	Crime Typologies (cont.)	Chapter 4: p. 111-127	
Week 5			
1/31/2022	Criminological Theory	Chapter 5: p. 133-148	
2/2/2022	Criminological Theory (cont.)	Chapter 5: p. 148-159	
2/4/2022	Exam 2 opens until 11:59pm via Canvas	None	Exam 2
Week 6			
2/7/2022	Policing: Introduction	Chapter 6: p. 169-171	
2/9/2022	Policing: Introduction (cont.)	Chapter 6: p. 172-192	
2/11/2022	Case Analysis: DR	None	

Week 7			
2/14/2022	Policing: Strategies	Chapter 7: p. 197-206	
2/16/2022	Policing: Strategies (cont.)	Chapter 7: p. 206-216	
2/18/2022	Case Analysis: MD	None	
Week 8			
2/21/2022	Policing: Issues	Chapter 8: p. 227-242	
2/23/2022	Policing: Issues (cont.)	Chapter 8: p. 243-252	
2/25/2022	Exam 3 opens until 11:59pm via Canvas	None	Exam 3
Week 9			
2/28/2022	Courts: Introduction	Chapter 9: p. 258-271	
3/2/2022	Courts: Introduction (cont.)	Chapter 9: p. 272-284	
3/4/2022	Case Analysis: SM	None	
Week 10			
3/7/2022	No class Spring break. Be safe!	None	
3/9/2022	No class Spring break. Be safe!	None	
3/11/2022	No class Spring break. Be safe!	None	
Week 11			
3/14/2022	No class	None	
3/16/2022	No class	None	
3/18/2022	No class	None	
Week 12			
3/21/2022	Courts: Process	Chapter 10: p. 288-305	
3/23/2022	Courts: Process (cont.)	Chapter 10: p. 306-321	
3/25/2022	Case Analysis: CA	None	

Week 13			
3/28/2022	Courts: Issues	Chapter 11: p. 322-334	
3/30/2022	Courts: Issues (cont.)	Chapter 11: p. 341; 343; 345; 351-354	
4/1/2022	Exam 4 opens until 11:59pm via Canvas		Exam 4
Week 14			
4/4/2022	Corrections: Introduction	Chapter 12: p. 391-411	
4/6/2022	Corrections: Introduction (cont.)	Chapter 12: p. 375-386	
4/8/2022	Corrections: Sanctions	Chapter 13: p. 391-411	Optional Rough Draft of Essay due by 11:59pm
Week 15			
4/11/2022	Corrections: Sanctions (cont.)	Chapter 13: p. 416-424	
4/13/2022	Corrections: Issues	Chapter 14: p. 429-443	
4/15/2022	Corrections: Issues (cont.)	Chapter 14: p. 447-452; 457-463	
Week 16			
4/18/2022	Juvenile Justice	None	
4/20/2022	Death Penalty	None	Essay Final Draft due by 11:59pm
Final			
4/28/2022	Exam 5 opens until 11:59pm via Canvas		Exam 5