

# Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice

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## Course Description

This class is designed to provide an overview of the structure, process, and function of the American criminal justice system. Students will explore the police, courts, and corrections that make up the criminal justice system and its structure, function, and interrelationship between the components. The course also covers how race, class, and gender operate in criminal justice and prompts students to contemplate controversial issues of criminal justice in America.

## Required Textbook

Kenneth J. Peak and Tamara D. Herold, 2023 Introduction to Criminal Justice: Practice and Process (*Fifth edition*), Sage.

- UF Bookstore (*Fourth edition*)  
<https://www.bkstr.com/floridastore/product/introduction-to-criminal-justice-23859-1>
- Amazon  
<https://a.co/d/77jQoEm>
- RedShelf  
<https://redshelf.com/app/ecom/book/2232244/introduction-to-criminal-justice-2232244-9781071848944-kenneth-j-peak-tamara-d-herold>

*\*Additional course materials will be uploaded on Canvas.*

## Evaluation

### 1.Participation (20%): Quizzes

Students will solve one set of quizzes for a week. There would be approximately 12 quizzes during the semester. You are free to refer to the textbook and your notes when you solve these questions. These quizzes are based on the lecture for each week and will be uploaded on **Friday at 12:00 pm**. You can access them through the Canvas Quizzes feature and should submit your answer by **Saturday 11:59 pm**. Late submissions will not be accepted, and you will receive zero credit. The final quiz score will be calculated using only the best 10 sets of quiz scores. These ten scores will carry equal weight in the calculation process.

### 2.Short Essay (20%): 2 Essays

You will write two essays over the semester. The goal of this essay is to develop your idea succinctly and clearly on issues in the criminal justice system in the United States. You can write your essay by using class materials (e.g., Journals, films, lectures, textbooks) and doing external research. The essay must be a maximum of **1 PAGE (This limit does not include references)**, and only **PDF format** is accepted. Your essay will be graded not only on timely submission (Late submission will not be allowed) but also on your original and critical analysis of an essay question. You can discuss your essay with the instructor and get help from UF Writing Studio (<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>). Plagiarism will be detected in both essays.

- First Short Essay (Due by October 6, 11:59 pm)
- Second Short Essay (Due by November 17, 11:59 pm)

### 3. Exam (60%): Exam 1 and Exam 2

There will be two exams in this course. Each exam includes questions from the required textbook and lectures. Each exam will account for 30% of your final grade. **Exams will take place in the classroom.** (Honorlock online proctoring is not provided for our class.) You need to bring your fully charged laptop to take the exam via the Canvas quiz. There will be NO cumulative exams, which means each exam deals with one module. Only the exam should be on your screen, and you **MUST** close all other tabs; any other tabs or windows will be considered cheating. The use of any mediums that the instructor did not permit will also be considered cheating.

Make-up exams will be allowed only in those circumstances in which you cannot take an exam for a valid reason, according to UF policy. **In that case, please notify me before the start of the examination, at least within a week. In addition, you will need to provide valid documentation justifying your absence.** (<http://shcc.ufl.edu/forms->

[records/excuse-notes/](#)) Failure to comply with these rules will result in a zero score for the missed exam.

- First Exam: Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Second Exam: Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### 4. Extra Credit

There will be occasional opportunities for extra credit, such as group activities, throughout the semester. These opportunities will not be on a regular basis.

#### Grading Scale

Your final letter grade will be determined as follows.

<b>A</b>	<b>93 - 100</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>90 - 92.99</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>87 - 89.99</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>83 - 86.99</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>80 - 82.99</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>75 - 79.99</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>70 - 74.99</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>65 - 69.99</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>60 - 64.99</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>55 - 59.99</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>0 - 54.99</b>

#### Accessibility

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodations. Students with disabilities need to follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

## Course Communications

All class activities will take place during our assigned class time. You are expected to be available during those times. Since this class is a face-to-face course, you are expected to stay in Gainesville throughout this semester. You are responsible for all information made available through classes and Canvas. Students are encouraged to communicate with the instructor anytime if there are any concerns. You can use both Canvas messages and email ([bomi.jin@ufl.edu](mailto:bomi.jin@ufl.edu)) to reach out – both methods are welcome!

## Recording

Students are allowed to record the class only for 1) personal educational use; 2) complaints to the university; 3) criminal or civil proceedings. **All other purposes are prohibited.** This class will not provide a recorded lecture for students who miss a class.

## COVID-19 Policy

Masks are welcomed during class and within buildings. In response to COVID-19, the following recommendations are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

- If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit [one.ufl.edu](http://one.ufl.edu) for screening / testing and vaccination opportunities.
- If you are sick, stay home. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 to be evaluated.
- As with any excused absence, you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work.

## University Honesty policy

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 student honor/conduct code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>) specifies the number of behaviors that violate this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

### Academic Resources

Library Support	<a href="http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/">http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/</a>
Teaching Center	Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or 352-392-6410 <a href="http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/">http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/</a> Assistant with study skills and tutoring
Writing Studio	2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138 <a href="http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/">http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/</a> Assistant with brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers
Student Complains On-Campus	<a href="https://flexible.dce.ufl.edu/student-complaints/">https://flexible.dce.ufl.edu/student-complaints/</a>

## Course Outline

<b>Module 1</b>	
Week 1 (August 23)	Class Introduction <b>No Class on August 25</b>
Week 2 (August 28- Sep 1)	Fundamentals of Criminal Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 1</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 3 (Sep 4 - Sep 8)	Foundations of Law and Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2</li> </ul> <b>No Class on September 4 (Labor Day)</b> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 4 (Sep 11 - Sep 15)	Theories of Criminality and Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 3</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 5 (Sep 18 - Sep 22)	Police Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 5</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 6 (Sep 25 - Sep 29)	Police Structure and Functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 5 and 6</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 7 (Oct 2 - Oct 6)	Police at Work: Investigation and Patrol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 6</li> </ul> <b>First Essay Due by Friday 11:59 pm</b> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 8 (Oct 9 - Oct 13)	Police at Work: Investigation and Patrol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 6</li> </ul> Police Methods and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 9 (Oct 16 - Oct 20)	Police Methods and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7</li> </ul> Review Day (Oct 18) <b>Exam 1 (October 20)</b>

<b>Module 2</b>	
Week 10 (Oct 23 – Oct 27)	Court Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 9</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 11 (Oct 30 – Nov 3)	Court Organization: Trial Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 9</li> </ul> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 12 (Nov 6- Nov 10)	Court Organization: Trial Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 9</li> </ul> <b>No Class on November 10 (Veterans Day)</b> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 13 (Nov 13- Nov 17)	Court Methods and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 11</li> </ul> Court Methods and Challenges: Prison and Jails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 11 and 12</li> </ul> <b>No Class on November 17 (ASC Conference)</b> <b>Second Essay Due by Friday 11:59 pm</b> <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59pm</b>
Week 14 (Nov 20- Nov 24)	<b>No Class- Thanksgiving 🍂</b>
Week 15 (Nov 27- Dec 1)	Issues around Corrections in the U.S. <b>Quiz due by Saturday 11:59 pm</b>
Week 16 (Dec 4 - Dec 6)	Issues around Corrections in the U.S. <b>Exam 2 (December 6)</b>

*\*This syllabus is subject to change. All changes will be announced in advance.*