

Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice

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Class meetings: Tuesday 2-3 (8:30-10:25), Thursday (9:35-10:25), LIT 0127

Office hours: Thursday (11:00-13:00) via Zoom or by appointment

Course Description

This class is designed to provide an overview of the structure, process, and function of the criminal justice system in the United States. Students will explore 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 encourages students to think about controversial issues of criminal justice in America.

Required Textbook

Kenneth J. Peak and Tamara D. Herold, 2021 Introduction to Criminal Justice: Practice and Process (*Fourth edition*), Sage.

**Additional course materials will be uploaded in Canvas.*

Evaluation

1. Participation (20%): 4 Discussion Board Posts

You are expected to participate in 4 discussion board posts over the semester. In each discussion post, you are supposed to upload your idea and respond to a post from other classmates.

- Discussion Board Post 1 (Due by Jan. 27 5:00 PM)
- Discussion Board Post 2 (Due by Feb. 17 5:00 PM)
- Discussion Board Post 3 (Due by Feb. 24 5:00 PM)
- Discussion Board Post 4 (Due by Apr. 5 5:00 PM)

2. Short essay (30%): 2 Essays

You are expected to turn in two essays over the semester (**Maximum 2 pages**). The goal of this essay is to develop your idea '*succinctly and clearly*' on issues on the criminal justice system in the United States. This essay will allow you to examine outside research, but you should deploy the course materials. (e.g., Journals, film, lecture, textbook). 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 for both essays.**

- First Short Essay (Due by Feb. 24, 11:59 PM)
- Second Short Essay (Due by Apr. 12, 11:59 PM)

3. Exams (50%): 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 25% of your final grade. A make-up exam will be allowed only when you notify the instructor prior to each exam and provide documents that verify your excuse.

- First Exam: In-class exam **March 3rd, 2022**
- Second Exam: In-class exam **April 19th, 2022**

Grading Scale

Your final letter grade will be determined as follows.

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

* No grade boosts or additional extra credit opportunities are granted as opportunities.

Accessibility

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc) 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

Students are encouraged to communicate with the instructor anytime if any concerns. Canvas messages are preferred over email.

Office hours

Office hours will be held on Thursdays (11:00-13:00). Please sign up for a meeting through the Canvas Calendar before you join the office hours. If you are not available during office hours, you can schedule an appointment for a meeting.

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

You are expected to always wear approved face coverings during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated. If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms begin. Call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392- 1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, or has tested positive yourself. Visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website for more information.

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 Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-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 or TAs in this class.

Academic Resources

- Library Support*: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/>
- Teaching Center*: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420.
<http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/> Assistant with study skills and tutoring
- Writing Studio*: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>
Assistant with brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers
- Student Complaints On-Campus*: <http://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-conduct-code/>
- *On-Line Students Complaints*: distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/

Class Outline

This class covers 1-2 chapters of the textbook each week.

PART I: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AS A SYSTEM: THE BASICS

- Chapter 1: Fundamentals of Criminal Justice: Essential Themes and Practices
- Chapter 2: Foundations of Law and Crime: Nature, Elements, and Measurement
- Chapter 3: Theories of Criminality and Crime
- Chapter 4: Ethical Essentials: Doing Right When No One Is Watching

PART II: THE POLICE

- Chapter 5: Police Organization: Structure and Functions
- Chapter 6: Police at Work: Patrolling and Investigating
- Chapter 7: Policing Methods and Challenges: Issues of Force, Liability, and Technologies
- Chapter 8: Expounding the Constitution: Laws of Arrest, Search, and Seizure

PART III: THE COURTS

- Chapter 9: Court Organization: Structure, Functions, and the Trial Process
- Chapter 10: The Bench and the Bar: Those Who Judge, Prosecute, and Defend
- Chapter 11: Court Methods and Challenges: Sentencing and Punishment

PART IV: CORRECTIONS

- Chapter 12: Prisons and Jails: Structure and Function
- Chapter 13: The Inmates' World: The "Keepers" and the "Kept"
- Chapter 14: Corrections in the Community: Probation, Parole, and Other Alternatives to Incarceration

PART V: SPANNING THE SYSTEM: METHODS AND ISSUES

- Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice: Philosophy, Law, and Practices
- Chapter 16: On the Crime Policy and Prevention Agenda: Drug Abuse, Sex Trafficking, Terrorism, and Immigration

** I will notify additional readings through Canvas in advance. Please keep checking in Canvas.*