

Sul Ross State University
Department of Criminal Justice
CJ #1301 Intro to Criminal Justice
FALL 2014 M 6:00pm - 8:50pm in MAB 107

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Course Description: This course is an introductory study of today's criminal justice system involving police, courts and corrections.

Objectives: Students will gain a working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice system and the ability to identify the individual parts of the CJ System. Students will have an awareness of the costs associated with the Criminal Justice System, and the ability to recognize and be aware of political influence on the system. Additionally, students will gain the ability to apply historical knowledge of the CJ system and recognize patterns of system change. Upon completion of this course, students should be able to understand the various aspects of Police History and Organization, the Courts and Courts Systems, of correctional systems, as well as current issues in today's Criminal Justice System.

Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)

PLO 1. Demonstrated knowledge of specific areas of the U.S. Constitution as it relates to specific legal liabilities of criminal justice professionals. The ability to identify, assess, and compare Constitutional protections and individual rights and recognize violations of those Rights. Workable knowledge of the most significant legal challenges to criminal justice policy and the resulting changes to those policies.

PLO 2. Demonstrate knowledge of Criminological theories, and apply those theories to practical criminal justice events. The ability to identifying a prominent criminological theory within an actual criminal event or simulated criminal event. The ability to compare and contrast the basic concepts of the differing competing Criminological Theories.

PLO 3. Working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice and the ability to identify the individual parts of the CJ System. An awareness of the costs associated with the Criminal Justice System, and the ability to recognize and be aware of political influence on the system. The ability to apply historical knowledge of the CJ system and recognize patterns of system change.

Required Text: Schmalleger, Frank (2011) *Criminal Justice Today: An Introductory Text for the 21st Century*, 11th Ed. Pearson Prentice Hall. ISBN-13: 978-0-13-507409-1/ ISBN-10: 0-13-507409-6

Requirements – Students will: Attend classes and participate in class discussions. Complete all assignments. Complete chapter summaries and turn in to instructor when due. Take and pass all exams and final exam.

Grading: Final Grades in this course will consist of student's performance in class discussions, tests, one current events summary, and attendance. All tests must be completed on time as there will be no make-up exams given. The Tentative Course Schedule provides the dates for these exams.

Attendance: See university policy on attendance.

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2014 Tentative COURSE DATES

8/25	M	Introduction and Expectations and Cover Chapter 1
9/1	M	Labor Day Holiday (No Class)
9/8	M	Chapters 2 and 3
9/15	M	Chapters 4 / Test #1
9/22	M	Chapters 5 and 6
9/29	M	Chapters 7 and 8 / Test #2
10/6	M	Chapters 9 and 10
10/13	M	Chapters 11 / Test #3
10/20	M	Chapters 12 and 13
10/27	M	Chapters 14 / Test #4
11/3	M	Chapters 15 and 16
11/10	M	Guest Speakers
11/17	M	Chapters 17 and 18
11/24	M	Thanksgiving Holiday (No Class) Current Events Summary
12/1	M	LAST CLASS DAY – Review for Final Exam
12/8	M	FINAL EXAM