

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY****DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY****COURSE: CRIJ 2361 INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM****CRIJ 2361.02 (Main Campus – CJ Center - Classroom A209)****Semester/Year: Fall 2017****Tuesdays/Thursdays****Time: 8:00am – 9:20am****Credit Hours: 3****Professor:** Diana Kukua**Office:** C204**Phone:** 936-577-4210**Class Hours/Classroom:****Hours:** Available via Email/Cell Phone/or After Class**Email:** [dxk009@shsu.edu](mailto:dxk009@shsu.edu)8:00 am – 9:20am Tuesdays and Thursdays  
CJ Center – Classroom A209**Required Textbook**Rennison, C.M. 2018. Introduction to Criminal Justice. (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Sage Publications.**Course Description**

This course will provide a basic overview of crime and the criminal justice system in the United States. It will include discussions on criminal justice philosophy, policies, practices, and trends. In the end, it is hoped that students will have a better understanding of the essential components of the criminal justice system (citizens, law enforcement, courts, corrections), and the emerging topics and trends related to these.

**Course Objectives**

1. Define crime, deviance, and social control, and explore how these interact and relate.
2. Explore theories and methods that are used in criminal justice decision-making.
3. Analyze how criminal justice policies are created, implemented, and enforced.
4. Discuss and evaluate the history and evolution of the criminal justice system.
5. Evaluate current events and trends affecting the criminal justice system.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Course Grading**

#### **Possible Points (500):**

1. Assignments/Group Assignments/Quizzes = 100 points
2. Exams = 400 points (Four exams to include the Final Exam - 100 points each)\*\*

\*\*Exams (including the final) may consist of short answer essay questions, true/false, and/or multiple-choice responses. Exams will usually include only the specific information found in the textbook reading assignments, but may include information from class assignments/activities.

**A = 450-500   B = 400-449   C = 350-399   D = 300-349   F = 299 and Below**

### **Class Attendance**

Students are expected to attend class as required by University policy. Review the University attendance policy at <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>.

### **Make up Exams/ Illness**

Make up exams will be given only if a student has [1] contacted the instructor prior to the exam; and [2] has a University recognized absence which includes illness documented by a physician, religious observance, and participation in University activities at the request of University authorities. Official documentation must be provided.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Students are expected to do their own work on all assignments and exams, unless otherwise noted. Some of your written coursework submitted may be evaluated for signs of plagiarism. Violations of academic integrity will result in a grade of "F" on parts of the course, a failure of the entire course, or a recommendation for suspension from the University. See policy at Dean of Student's Office at: [http://www.shsu.edu/~slo\\_www/](http://www.shsu.edu/~slo_www/).

### **Student Academic Policies**

Student Academic Policies concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Students and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days may be found at: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>.

### **Students with Disabilities**

If you are visually, hearing or physically impaired, have a learning disability, and/or have a communication disorder that may affect your performance in this class, please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office at 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, by email [disability@shsu.edu](mailto:disability@shsu.edu), or visit website at [www.shsu.edu/disability](http://www.shsu.edu/disability) for information. Please also notify your advisor and/or professor as soon as possible so that provisions may be made to better ensure that you will have an equal opportunity to meet the requirements of the class. Also see <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf> for the disabled student policy.

### **Student Absences on Religious Holy Day Policy**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student who is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>.

### **Email**

Emails sent through the University email system will be responded to via your student email account. It is YOUR responsibility to check your emails regularly, and to make sure you are receiving messages. Always place your full name, class number, and section number in the subject line, when sending an email to the instructor.

### **Cell Phones/Text Messages in Academic Classrooms/Facilities**

Please review <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-curriculum.html>.

### **Academic Success Center Services/Writing Center**

You may contact the Academic Success Center or Writing Center at [asc@shsu.edu](mailto:asc@shsu.edu) or call 936-294-3680 to schedule an appointment or inquire about services. Writing tutors will work with you one-on-one to help you generate, organize, or revise a draft of any assignment in any subject. Students are responsible for abiding by all published rules and regulations as printed in the "Undergraduate Catalogue, Student Guidelines," and in other official university publications.

**COURSE TOPICS/SCHEDULE:**

**\*Subject to change at the discretion of the professor to keep up with pace of the class.**

**\*\*Students will be responsible for completing coursework as instructed.**

**\*\*\*May include tour of prison, jail, or court, guest speakers, computer lab, dates TBD.**

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**Week 1:** August 24

Assignment: Introduction/Syllabus/Textbook/Course Requirements

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**Week 2:** August 29 – August 31

Assignment: Chapter 1 – An Introduction to Crime and the Criminal Justice System

**Week 3:** September 05 – September 07

Assignment: Chapter 2 – The Nature and Extent of Crime

**Week 4:** September 12 – September 14

Assignment: Chapter 3 – Criminal Justice and the Law

**Week 5:** September 19 – September 21

Assignment: Chapter 4 – The History of Policing

Review and Exam I

**\*EXAM I\***

**Week 6:** September 26 – September 28

Assignment: Chapter 5 – On the Streets: Organization, Responsibilities, Challenges

**Week 7:** October 03 – October 05

Assignment: Chapter 6 – Police and the Rule of Law

**Week 8:** October 10 – October 12

Assignment: Chapter 7 – The Courts and Judiciary

**Week 9:** October 17 – October 19

Assignment: Chapter 8 – The Prosecution, Defense, and Pretrial Activities

Review and Exam II

**\*EXAM II\***

**Week 10:** October 24 – October 26

Assignment: Chapter 9 – The Criminal Trial and Sentencing

**Week 11:** October 31 - November 02

Assignment: Chapter 10 – Correctional Responses in the Community

**Week 12:** November 07 – November 09

Assignment: Chapter 11 – Institutional Corrections

**Week 13:** November 14 – November 16

Assignment: Chapter 12 – Prison Life and Life after Prison

Review and Exam III

**\*EXAM III\***

**Week 14:** November 21 – November 23

Assignment: Chapter 13 – The Juvenile Justice System

**\*\*NO CLASS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!\*\***

**Week 15:** November 28 – November 30

Assignment: Chapter 14 – Exploring Specialized and Topical Issues

Review for Final Exam

**Week 16: FINAL EXAM – TUESDAY - DECEMBER 05 – 8:00 AM – 10: 00 AM**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\***

**\*SEPTEMBER 08 - LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT A “Q” GRADE\***

**\*\*DECEMBER 01 – LAST SHSU CLASS DAY – LAST DAY TO RESIGN \*\***

**\*\*\*DECEMBER 04-DECEMBER 07 - SHSU FINAL EXAM DATES \*\*\***

**\*FINAL EXAM FOR 2361.02 – TUESDAY- DECEMBER 05 – 8AM-10AM\***