

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY****COURSE: CRIJ 4385 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY****CRIJ 4385.03 (Main Campus – CJ Center – Classroom A201)****Semester/Year: Fall 2017 Tuesdays/Thursdays Time: 2:00pm – 3:20pm****Credit Hours: 3****Professor:** Diana Kukua**Office:** C204**Phone:** 936-577-4210**Class Hours/Classroom:****Hours:** Available via Email/Cell Phone/or Before Class**Email:** dxk009@shsu.edu

2:00pm – 3:20pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

CJ Center – Classroom A201

Required Textbook

Hanser, Robert, and Gomila, Michael. 2015. Multiculturalism and the Criminal Justice System. First Edition.

Course Description

It is essential that criminal justice professionals be socially aware of the cultural differences in society, and the importance of the perception of fairness in how the criminal justice system creates, enforces, and carries out policy and justice. Research in criminal justice and criminology often points out the disparate rates at which minorities are involved in the criminal justice system. The focus of this course will be to examine multicultural issues in the realm of criminal justice and society.

Course Objectives

1. Analyze the interactions of class, race/ethnicity, and gender in relation to criminal justice policies, actions, responses, and outcomes.
2. Explore theories, roles, and/or methods concerning the interaction of the criminal justice system with a diverse, multi-cultural population.
3. Understand the nature of the link between crime policies and class, race/ethnicity, and gender.
4. Evaluate current events relating to minority interactions with 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/.

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, or visit website at 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 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.**

Week 1: August 24

Assignment: Introduction/Syllabus/Textbook/Course Requirements
Preface (Introduction, Intended Audience, Orientation and Theme, Alternate Versions of Textbook) – pages xvi-xxi

Week 2: August 29 – August 31

Assignment: Chapter 1 – Minorities, Diversity, Multiculturalism, Globalization, and the Criminal Justice System

Week 3: September 05 – September 07

Assignment: Chapter 2 – Assimilation, Acculturation, Stereotyping, and Classism in a Democratic Society

Week 4: September 12 – September 14

Assignment: Chapter 3 – Minorities Based on Age and Disability

Week 5: September 19 – September 21

Assignment: Chapter 4 – Minorities Based on Gender and Sexual Preference
Review and Exam I

EXAM I

Week 6: September 26 – September 28

Assignment: Chapter 5 – Cultural Competence and Intercultural Communication

Week 7: October 03 – October 05

Assignment: Chapter 6 – Law Enforcement and Minorities: Specific Demographic Groups, Victims, and Offenders

Week 8: October 10 – October 12

Assignment: Chapter 7 – Law Enforcement and Minorities: Community Relations, Hiring, and Training

Week 9: October 17 – October 19

Assignment: Chapter 8 – The Courts and Minorities
Chapter 9 – Minorities in the Court System
Review and Exam II

EXAM II

Week 10: October 24 – October 26

Assignment: Chapter 10 – Corrections, Classism, Poverty, and Minority Groups

Week 11: October 31 - November 02

Assignment: Chapter 11 – Corrections and Minorities: Minorities, Gang Affiliation, Gender, and Staff Issues

Week 12: November 07 – November 09

Assignment: Chapter 12 – Juvenile Minority Wellness and Health Disparities, Gender, Sexual Identity, Youth Culture, and Social Class

Week 13: November 14 – November 16

Assignment: Chapter 13 – Types of Juvenile Offending, Gang Affiliation by Race and Gender, and Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile System

Review and Exam III

EXAM III

Week 14: November 21 – November 23

Assignment: Chapter 14 – Cultural Competence Training, Assessment, and Evaluation of Cultural Competence, and Evidence-Based Practices in Culturally Competent Agencies

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

Week 15: November 28 – November 30

Assignment: Chapter 14 / Chapter 15 – Future Multicultural Trends in Criminal Justice

Review for Final Exam

Week 16: FINAL EXAM – TUESDAY - DECEMBER 05 – 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

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 4385.03 – TUESDAY- DECEMBER 05 – 3:30 PM-5:30 PM