

CRIJ 2361
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
Spring 2018
Zhejiang Police College

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Course Description

Catalogue: An introductory course designed to familiarize students with the facets of the criminal justice system, the sub-systems and how they interrelate, processing of offenders, punishment and its alternatives, and the future of the criminal justice system.

Objectives: Students will be expected to have achieved the following upon completion of the course:

- Develop an understanding of how the criminal justice systems operates
- Develop an understanding of the police, the courts, and corrections
- Develop a better understanding of claims made about the criminal justice system

Required Readings

James A. Inciardi. 2010. *Criminal Justice, ninth edition*. Boston: McGraw Hill.

Class Requirements

This class will be taught as a combination of seminar and lecture. This means that the students will have to assume some responsibility for the content of the course.

Grading

Two examinations and a final examination:

Two examinations (100 points each)

200 Points

Final Examination

100 Points

Total

300 Points

Grade Distribution

270-30 Points	A
240-269 Points	B
210-239 Points	C
180-209 Points	D
0-179 Points	F

Extra Credit

No extra credit will be given.

Academic Honesty

The Faculty of the College of Criminal Justice expects students to conduct their academic work with integrity and honesty. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in the failure of a course and dismissal from the University.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit, the abuse of resource materials, and misrepresentation of credentials or accomplishments as a member of the college.

The University's policy on academic honesty and appeal procedures can be found in the manual, entitled, *Student Guidelines*, distributed by the Division of Student Services (Reference Section 5.3 of the guidelines—you translation of the material: you cheat, you flunk).

Attendance

The university policy on attendance can be found at the website, http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/800401_001.pdf

Disabled Student Policy

Students with a disability which affects their academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. For a full discussion of the university policy, see http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/811006.pdf.

Services for Disabled Students

<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days

Consistent with the Texas Education Code and SHSU University Policy 861001, students who desire to be absent from a scheduled class in order to observe a religious holy day shall present the professor with a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). I will then notify the students of a reasonable time frame in which the missed assignments are to be completed.

Tobacco Products

There will be no use of tobacco products allowed in the classroom at any time. Violators of this policy will be warned one time; the second instance of use will result in dismissal from the class.

Use of Telephones and Text Messagers in Academic Classrooms and Facilities

The university policy on telephones in academic classrooms can be found at the following website:

http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/100728.pdf. With respect to tests, the following stipulation will be followed:

“Any use of a telephone or text messenger or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty.”

Tentative Order of Topics and Reading Assignments

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading</i>
Unit 1		
March 5-16	Criminal Justice in America Crime and Law, Legal and Behavioral Aspects Criminal Statistics An Overview of the Criminal Justice System History of Police Nature of Police Work Police Conduct and Ethics	Chapter 1 Chapters 2 and 3 Chapter 4 Chapter 5 Chapter 6 Chapter 7 Chapter 9
March 16	First Examination	
Unit 2		
March 19-30	Arrest, Search, and Seizure American Courts Court Room Work Group First Appearance through Trial Sentencing and Appeals	Chapter 8 Chapter 10 Chapter 11 Chapter 12 Chapter 13
March 30	Second Examination	
Unit 3		
April 9-20	History of Corrections The World of Inmates Prison Conditions and Inmate Rights Community Corrections Juvenile Justice	Chapter 14 Chapter 15 Chapter 16 Chapter 17 Chapter 18
April 20	Final Examination	