

Week 10: March 20 March 22

Assignment: Chapter 4 – Death Penalty

Assignment: Chapter 4 – Death Penalty/ Wrongful Convictions

Week 11: March 27(P) March 29 (P)

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Week 12: April 3(E) April 5

Assignment: Chapter 5 –Juvenile Justice

Week 13: April 10 April 12(P)

Assignment: Chapter 5 – Juvenile Justice

Week 14: April 17 (P) April 19(P)

Assignment: CHAPTER 5 – Juvenile Justice

Week 15: April 24 April 26

Assignment: Chapter 6 – Sexual Assault Offender Laws

Week 16: SHSU FINAL EXAM WEEK (5/1-5/3 ?)

******FINAL EXAM FOR THIS COURSE WILL BE ON _____******

CLASS ACTIVITIES

1. Bureau of Justice statistics and information on Parole, Probation, Death Penalty, etc.
2. News articles related to the course content
3. Group Projects involving group discussions and presentations of the case briefs to the class
4. Major Assignments involving more in depth research of the case briefs
5. You Tube videos related to the course content
6. Guest Speakers

COURSE TOPICS/SCHEDULE:

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

****Students are responsible for the assignments as listed, unless otherwise instructed.**

*****May include tours of prison, prison museum, movie, guest speaker, dates TBD.**

Week 1: January 18 Introduction/Syllabus/Course Requirements

Assignment: Group Assignment & Review of List of Cases with “Capsule” (xix-xxxvi)

Week 2: January 23 January 25

Assignment: Chapter 1 – Access to Courts/Prisons & Jails

Week 3: January 30 February 1

Assignment: Chapter 1 – Prisons and Jails

Week 4: February 6 February 8 (P)

Assignment: Chapter 1 – Prisons and Jails

Week 5: February 13(P) February 15

Assignment: Chapter 1 – Prisons & Jails

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Week 6: February 20 February 22

Assignment: Chapter 2 – Probation

Week 7: February 27 March 1

Assignment: Chapter 3 Parole / Chapter 3 Parole Decision Making

Week 8: March 6 (P) March 8(E)

Assignment: Chapter 3 – Parole Decision Making / Parole Review

Week 9: March 13 March 15 **SPRING BREAK**

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>.

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-curriculum.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 Messaging 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 REQUIREMENTS:

Course Grading

Possible Points (400):

1. Group Project = 100 points (3 x 25 = 75 points)
2. Current Event Paper (1x25+ 25points)
3. 3 Exams = 300 points (3 exams to include the final exam - 100 points each)**

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

A = 400-360 B = 359-320 C = 319-280 D = 279-240 F = 239 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/.

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
COURSE: CRIJ 4332 LEGAL ASPECTS OF CORRECTIONS

CRIJ 4332.01 (Main Campus – CJ Center - Classroom C210)

Semester/Year: Spring 2018 Tuesdays/Thursdays Time: 2:00pm- 3:20pm –

Credit Hours: 3

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Required Textbook

Del Carmen, Rolando V. 2008. Briefs of Leading Cases in Corrections. (5th Edition). Anderson Publishing.

Course Description

This course will provide a basic overview of United States Supreme Court case briefs relating to incarceration and corrections. It will include discussions about court cases decided by the Supreme Court through June 2008, and how the Constitution impacts confinement. In the end, it is hoped that you will come away with a better understanding of the types of cases offenders (prisoners) file, and how such cases impact corrections and the incarceration of offenders.

Course Objectives

1. Explore the relationship between the United States Constitution and the confinement of offenders.
2. Discover how offender case filings result in decisions by the Supreme Court.
3. Understand case brief terminology and definitions.
4. Relate Supreme Court cases to current correctional policies and procedures.