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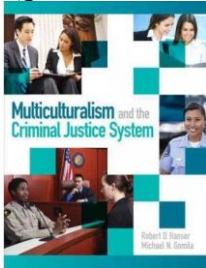
Crime, Justice and Social Diversity

Spring 2018



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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK-- Multiculturalism and the Criminal Justice System



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Pearson 2015 ISBN 13: **978-0-13-215597-7**

ISBN 10: **0-13-215597-4**

COURSE DESCRIPTION—The focus of this course relates to those who are poor, minorities, the aging and others for whom the criminal justice system appears to have a biased approach. The course combines a historical perspective along with current issues related to these populations' interaction with the criminal justice system. There will be some pre-conceived notions challenged and others confirmed, with the end goal of a deeper understanding of issues.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the underlying theories explaining minority interactions as well as other populations who may experience biases in the Criminal Justice system.
2. Analyze the historical perspective and current trends related to minority populations and criminal justice.
3. Explore the role police, courts and corrections have in social diversity and criminal justice.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS – During the course, you are required to be familiar with the assigned reading material each week and prepare for discussion in class. There are four (4) exams, four (4) participation exercises and multiple current event exercises during the semester. Please note, although there are multiple current event dates, each student are only required to report one (1) event.

*****It is your responsibility check emails for announcements relevant to course materials *****

Exams There are **four exams** administered during the semester. Each exam is worth 75 points and may include multiple choice, true false and short answer. 300 points are available through exams.

Class participation/discussion exercises-There are four (4) class participation exercises. These may be in class or online and appear on the syllabus. Each exercise is worth 15 points. If you satisfactorily complete each of the four (4) assignments, you will accumulate 60 points. 45 points is full credit and 15 points is for extra credit. **Due to the participation/discussion nature of these exercises, they cannot be made-up unless extraordinary circumstances exist (this is why there is an extra opportunity for credit).**

Current events –Each student will report out briefly (5- 7 min) on a current event relevant to the course topic. The format will include 1) describe the relevant topic 2) describe the current event 3) provide at least one reference. This will be a verbal report to the class and a 1-2 paragraph document (brief summary with a reference) for submission to the instructor. No visual aids (PowerPoints, poster boards, etc). See blackboard for complete instructions. 55 points is full credit

GRADING--Please ensure that you monitor your grades and know unless you are on the verge of a higher grade (ie 89.6) consideration will not be given to change grades. There will be NO individual extra credit opportunities. There are 400 possible points in this course.

A = 360-400

B = 320-359

C = 280-319

D = 240-279

F = 0-239

Please pay close attention to the due dates to ensure you are not penalized for late assignments. *Late assignments **completed within a week may be accepted with a 5 point penalty** and assignments more than 1 week late may be accepted at the discretion of the instructor with additional deductions.*

MAKE UP EXAMS –In an emergency or if there is a legitimate school related conflict resulting in a missed exam, please contact me in advance for approval to make an alternate arrangement. If there is no advance contact, discretion is used to allow a make-up with deductions.

STUDENT ACADEMIC POLICIES concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days are located at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

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Instructor Classroom Policy

- (1) Cell phones should not be in use during the class period, but may be visible.
- (2) During testing periods, cell phones must be stored and not visible to students.
- (3) In the event of an emergency, the student may exit the classroom to use the cell phone.



COURSE OUTLINE -- This schedule may change at the discretion of the instructor.

Unit	Wk	Day	Date	Topics (read chapters and PowerPoints)	Deadlines
1	1	Thur	1/18	Welcome/Introductions	Read Syllabus
	2	Tue	1/23	Course Expectations/Overview	
		Thur	1/25	Chapters 1 & 2 Minorities, Diversity, Assimilation	
	3	Tue	1/30	Chapter 3 Minorities based on Age and Disabilities	
		Thur	2/1	Chapter 4 Minorities based on Gender and Sexual Preference	
	4	Tue	2/6	Chapter 5 Intercultural Communication	
		Thur	2/8	Current Events Group 1	
	5	Tue	2/13	<i>Participation Activity 1</i>	
		Thur	2/15	Exam 1 (Chapters 1,2,3,4,5)	Exam 1
2	6	Tue	2/20	Chapters 6 & 7 Law Enforcement and Minorities	
		Thur	2/22	Current Events Group 2	
	7	Tue	2/27	Chapters 8 & 9 The Courts and Minorities	
		Thur	3/1	Chapters 8 & 9 continued	
	8	Tue	3/6	<i>Participation Activity 2</i>	
		Thur	3/8	Chapter 10 Corrections, Classism and Poverty	
	9	Spring	Break	March 12-16	
	10	Tue	3/20	Current Events Group 3	
		Thur	3/22	Chapter 11 Corrections and Minorities	
	11	Tue	3/27	<i>Participation Activity 3</i>	
		Thur	3/29	Exam 2 (Chapters 6,7,8,9,10,11)	Exam 2
3	12	Tue	4/3	Chapter 12 & 13 Juveniles as a minority population	
		Thur	4/5	Current Events Group 4	
	13	Tue	4/10	Chapter 14 Cultural Competence	
		Thur	4/12	Chapter 15 Future trends in Criminal Justice	
	14	Tue	4/17	<i>Participation Activity 4</i>	
		Thur	4/19	Wealth and Privilege	
	15	Tue	4/24	Current Events Group 5	
		Thur	4/26	Exam 3 (Chapters 12,13,14,15, Wealth and Privilege)	Exam 3
	16	Tues	5/1	Current Events/Final Review	
		Thurs	5/3	Make up Exams/Conference	
	16	FINAL EXAM	5/10 9:30-11:30am	Comprehensive FINAL Exam (Chapters 1-15 & Wealth and Privilege)	Exam 4 FINAL