

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
CRIJ 4385.09
Criminal Justice and Social Diversity
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Welcome to Criminal Justice and Social Diversity!!!

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CLASS HOURS: Mon/Wed/Fri: 10:00am – 10:50am

CLASSROOM: C110

OFFICE HOURS: Tues/Thurs: 10:30am – 12:00pm and by appointment

TEXTBOOK(S): There is **one required** textbook for this course and **one suggested** textbook.

(1) Barak, G., Leighton, P., & Flavin, J. (2010). *Class, race, gender, and crime: The social realities of justice in America* (4th ed.). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. **ISBN-13:**

9781442220737 (**REQUIRED**)

(2) Gabbidon, S. L., & Greene, H. T. (2016). *Race and crime* (4th ed.). Sage Publications. **ISBN-13:** 9781483384184 (**SUGGESTED**)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of how class, race, and gender interact with the dynamics of our Criminal Justice System. This class will provide information on both the historical perspective and current realities of the interplay between diversity and justice in America. Additionally, this course will discuss how race, class, gender, and crime are interrelated and how these four areas effect the social realities of today.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand terminology related to Criminal Justice and Social Diversity (i.e. race, class, gender, and crime)
2. Understand theories explaining the interactions and treatment of minorities within the criminal justice system
3. Learn to think critically about social diversity and how diversity interplays with justice.
4. Be able to apply the material learned in this course to inform critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.

E-mails will be responded to within 24 hours with the exception of during the weekend

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

All students are expected to complete the assigned readings prior to class as outlined in the schedule section of the syllabus. Your grade will be based on four exams, a group presentation, individual writing assignment, and your class participation/attendance points. These measures will be used to meet the course objectives.

Participation/Attendance Points: In addition to attendance considerations, your participation grade will be measured by your attentiveness in class, asking questions, class discussions, being engaged, and completing the assigned readings, etc. Each student will start the semester with 20 participation points. If a student is not actively participating in class, is consistently disruptive in class, or has exceeded two unexcused absences, deductions will be made. For each incidence there will be a 2-point deduction.

Exams: There will be four exams given during this course and they will be worth 75 points each. The exams will consist of a variety of multiple choice, true/false, matching, and short answer questions over the required readings and materials covered in class. These exams will not be cumulative and further information will be provided by the Professor closer to the exam dates.

Make-up Exams:

Only under extreme circumstances will I provide a make-up exam to a student who has an excused absence and has notified me *prior* to missing the exam. If you are unable to contact me prior to missing the exam, you must notify me in writing within 5 days of the absence. Verbal excuses will not be accepted

Group Presentation: Each student will be assigned to a group by the Professor and the group will be required to give an 8-10 minute class presentation, which is worth a total of 60 points. The presentation topics will be assigned by the instructor and the assignments are final. Presentation must be in a Powerpoint and further instruction will be given in class. The class presentations will be given during the last two days of class and finals day (May 2,4, 7, 2018).

Individual Writing Assignment: Each student will be required to submit a 3 – 5 page summation of what they have learned in the course and through the completion of their group project. The paper must be in APA format: double-spaced, times new roman 12-point font, 1-inch margins. An abstract is not required however, all sources must be properly cited both in-text and with a reference page. The paper will be submitted via turnitin in Blackboard and is due on April 30, 2017 before the beginning of class.

Extra Credit: There will be a total of 10 extra credit points that will be available during this course. The 10 points may be earned by writing a 2-3 page article review. More information will be given later in the semester.

GRADING POLICY:

Exam I	75 points
Exam II	75 points
Exam III	75 points
Exam IV	75 points
Group Presentation	60 points
Writing Assignment	40 points
Class Participation/Attendance	20 points
Total	420 points

Grading Scale:

A = 378 – 420

B = 336 – 377

C = 294 – 335

D = 252 – 293

F = 251 or less

STUDENT ACADEMIC POLICIES concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student 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>

USE OF TELEPHONES AND TEXT MESSAGES IN ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES:

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

DISCLAIMER

The class schedule in this syllabus is subject to change. Announcements of any changes to the schedule will be made in class, via email, and/or posted in Blackboard. These announcements are considered proper notice of change.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Topic	Assigned Readings	Assignments Due
Unit 1: Overview of Social Diversity and Crime			
Week #1			
1/17/18 (Wed)	First day of class!! Introductions/Syllabus/Expectations/		
1/19/18 (Fri)	Course/Book Introduction	BLC(2015): Introduction	
Week #2			
1/22/18 (Mon)	Book Introduction cont'd	BLC(2015): Introduction	
1/24/18 (Wed)	Crime Control Enterprise and Its Workers	BLC(2015): Ch. 1 (p. 21-31)	
1/26/18 (Fri)	Crime Control Enterprise and Its Workers	BLC (2015): Ch. 1 (p. 32-52)	
Unit 1: Overview of Social Diversity and Crime			
Week #3			
1/29/18 (Mon)	Race & Crime	G&G (2016) Ch. 1	
1/31/18 (Wed)	Chapter Review/Discussion/Group Assignment & Topic selections	BLC(2015): Ch.1 G&G (2016) Ch. 1	
2/1/18 (Fri)	Criminology and the Study of Class, Race, Gender, & Crime	BLC (2015): Ch. 2 (pgs. 53-64)	
Unit 1: Theoretical Perspectives			
Week #4			
2/5/18 (Mon)	Criminology and the Study of Class, Race, Gender, & Crime	BLC(2015): Ch. 2 (pgs. 65-77)	
2/7/18 (Wed)	Theoretical Perspectives Cont'd	G&G (2016): Ch. 3 (pgs. 68-85)	
2/9/18 (Fri)	Theoretical Perspectives	G&G (2016): Ch. 3 (pgs. 86-101)	

Unit 1: Overview of Social Diversity and Crime			
Week #5			
2/12/18 (Mon)	Exam I Review	BLC: Ch. 1-2 G&G: Ch. 1 & 3	
2/14/18 (Wed)	Exam I		Exam 1
2/16/18 (Fri)	Group Working Day		
Unit 2: Inequality & Privilege			
Week #6			
2/19/18 (Mon)	Understanding Class & Economic Privilege	BLC (2015): Ch. 3 (pgs. 81-95)	
2/21/18 (Wed)	Understand Class & Economic Privilege/Discussion	BLC (2015): Ch. 3 (pgs. 95-103)	
2/23/18 (Fri)	Understanding Race & White Privilege	BLC (2015): Ch. 4 (pgs. 105-118)	
Unit 2: Inequality & Privilege			
Week #7			
2/26/18 (Mon)	Understanding Race & White Privilege: Economic, Political, & Social Spheres	BLC(2015): Ch. 4 (pgs. 118-125)	
2/28/18 (Wed)	Understanding Gender & Sex in Society	BLC(2015): Ch. 5 (pgs. 127-138)	
3/2/18 (Fri)	Understanding Male Privilege	BLC(2015): Ch. 5 (pgs. 139-146)	
Unit 2: Inequality & Privilege			
Week #8			
3/5/18 (Mon)	Privilege & Intersections of Class, Race, & Gender	BLC(2015): Ch. 6	
3/7/18 (Wed)	Review/Discussion: BLC(2015): Chapters 3-6		
3/9/18 (Wed)	Group Working Day		

Unit 2: Inequality & Privilege			
Week #9 Spring Break- No classes!!!			
3/12/18 (Mon)	Spring Break	No Class	
3/14/18 (Wed)	Spring Break	No Class	
3/16/18 (Fri)	Spring Break	No Class	
Unit 2: Inequality & Privilege/Unit 3: Law & Criminal Justice			
Week #10			
3/19/18 (Mon)	Unit 2 Wrap-up/Exam II Review	BLC(2015): Ch. 3-6	
3/21/18 (Wed)	Exam II	Ch. 3-6	EXAM DAY!!!
3/23/18 (Fri)	Victimology	BLC(2015): Ch. 7	
Unit 3: Law & Criminal Justice			
Week #11			
3/26/18 (Mon)	Extent of Crime and Victimization	G&G(2016): Ch. 2	
3/28/18 (Wed)	Law Making and Administration	BLC(2015): Ch. 8	
3/30/18 (Fri)	Good Friday: No Class		
Unit 3: Law & Criminal Justice			
Week #12			
4/2/18 (Mon)	Policing & Social Diversity	G&G (2016): Ch. 4	
4/4/18 (Tues)	LE & Prosecution	BLC(2015): Ch. 9 (pgs. 233-246)	
4/6/18 (Fri)	LE & Prosecution Cont'd	BLC(2015): Ch. 9 (pgs. 247-260)	

Unit 3: Law & Criminal Justice			
Week #13			
4/9/18 (Mon)	Exam Review	BLC(2015): Ch. 7-9 G&G(2016): Ch. 2&4	
4/11/18 (Wed)	Exam III		EXAM DAY!!!
4/13/18 (Fri)	Group Working Day/Make-up Day		
Unit 3: Law & Criminal Justice			
Week #14			
4/16/18 (Mon)	Punishment, Sentencing, & Imprisonment	BLC(2015): Ch. 10	
4/18/18 (Tues)	Race & Courts	G&G(2016): Ch. 5	
4/20/18 (Fri)	Race & Sentencing	G&G(2016): Ch. 6	Last Day to Submit Extra Credit
Unit 3: Law & Criminal Justice			
Week #15			
4/23/18 (Mon)	Race & Corrections	G&G(2016): Ch. 8	
4/25/18 (Tues)	Unit Wrap-Up/Review		
4/27/18 (Fri)	Exam IV	BLC(2015): Ch. 10 G&G(2016) Ch. 5,6,8	EXAM DAY!!!
Group Presentations			
Week #16			
4/30/18 (Mon)	Course Wrap-Up		Writing Assignment Due!!!
5/2/18 (Wed)	Class Presentations		
5/4/18 (Fri)	Class Presentations		
5/7/18 (Thurs)	Class Final Day: Presentations (10:30am-12:30pm)		

*****Enjoy Your Summer Break and Congratulations to those who are Graduating!!!!**