

Course Syllabus

Department: Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Department

Course Title: Intro to Criminal Justice

Section Name: CRIJ\_1301\_WB

Start Date: 01/18/2011

End Date: 05/12/2011

Modality: ONLINE

Credits: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

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This course introduces students to the criminal justice system and its three main components; law enforcement, the courts and corrections. The course reviews the elements that constitute a criminal offense, how the crime is measured, and theories of crime causation. The course examines issues and challenges facing today's criminal justice system as well as an examination of current and future trends.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

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## Course Objectives

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1. The student will define key terms associated with the criminal justice system.
2. The student will describe and explain the criminal justice system.
3. The student will analyze concepts related to criminal law.
4. The student will describe and explain theories of crime.
5. The student will evaluate the impact history has had on the criminal justice system.
6. The student will describe and explain issues and emerging trends in the criminal justice system.

## Required Readings/Materials

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You must purchase the following required readings/materials:

Title: Criminal Justice Today: An Introductory Text for the 21st Century.

Edition: 11

Author: Schmalleger, Frank

ISBN# 13-978-0-13-507409-1

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

## Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

You will see chapter lesson assignments as we move through the course. These assignments will correspond with your required Discussion Board postings. Please, respond to each Discussion Board question with a minimum 250 word response. Then post responses in the Discussion Board to two (2) other student's postings on the same topic, not with a "good job" or a "great answer", but with a substantial response. All posting should be accompanied with a reference. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

### Week 1

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 1 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 1, Check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses

Due date for your Discussion Board posting is Sunday January 23, 2011

### Week 2

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 2 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 4, Check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses January 30, 2011

### Week 3

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 3 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 5, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses February 6, 2011

Week 4

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 4 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 6, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses by February 13, 2011

Week 5 – 6 – 7 - 8

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 5- 6 - 7 - 8 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 7, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses by March 13, 2011

Reminder: We will work in this chapter for Four (4) weeks

Spring Break is March 14 – 18, 2011

Week 9

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 9 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 8, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses by March 27, 2011

## Week 10

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 10 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 9, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses by April 3, 2011

## Week 11

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 11 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 10, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses April 10, 2011

## Week 12

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 12 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 11, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses April 17, 2011

## Week 13

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 13 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 12, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses April 24, 2011

## Week 14

Topic/Overview: This week focuses on

Summary of Week 14 Assignments & Activities

Item (Name) Type Description Due

Read Chapter 13, check assignments

Post your Discussion Board responses by May 1, 2011

## Week 15

Review

## Week 16

Final Exam

Exam will be available Monday May 9, 2011 at 8 am. It will close on Thursday May 12, 2011 at 5 pm. The exam is a 25 question multiple choice exam. You will have ONE attempt to complete your exam.

## Grading Policy

I will post one or more Discussion Board questions each week that relate to the chapter we are covering.

Discussion Forums	50%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

Letter grades will be based on the following grading scale.

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
A	90-100%	4.0
B	80-89%	3.0
C	70-79%	2.0
D	60-69%	1.0
F	Below 60%	0.0

#### Special Needs

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Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

#### Learning Resource Center (Library)

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The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian" service provide additional help.

#### Student E-mail

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Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

## Student Portal

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## Technical Support

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For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at [https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk\\_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm).

## Important School Policies

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For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.



