

University of Texas at Dallas
CJS 3303
Advanced Criminal Justice
Fall 2005

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I reserve the right to make additions or subtractions to this syllabus. All information, dates, and assignments included on this syllabus are subject to change.

Course Overview:

This course will analyze the major agencies, personnel, and decision-making points which comprise the criminal justice system, including discussions of the problems and current issues confronting legislatures, police, courts, corrections, and the community, as they respond to crime. By the end of this course, you should be familiar with the intricacies of the criminal justice system, as well as conversant in many of the major issues facing the criminal justice system today.

Course Materials:

This course will utilize a textbook, which is available at the Campus Bookstore and Off Campus Books. Supplemental readings will be provided via WebCT.

Required text:

Siegel, Larry J. and Joseph J. Senna. 2004. *Essentials of Criminal Justice*. 4th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company.

Course Requirements:

- ❖ **Attendance/Participation:** You will be expected to attend class, and participate in class discussions. Please be aware that it is impossible to participate if you are absent. Though attendance is required, it alone is insufficient - I expect that you will have completed the readings each week and have something valuable to contribute to the course discussions. I would advise you to come prepared with questions and comments over the assigned readings and related material. Additionally, as this is a learning environment, I encourage everyone to share his or her ideas and opinions. However, I expect everyone to do so in a civilized manner - one that promotes discussion rather than conflict. Attendance/participation will be worth 10% of your final grade.
- ❖ **Exams:** There will be three exams over the duration of the semester, each worth 20% of your grade. The exams will cover material from the textbook, supplementary readings,

lectures, and class discussions, and will consist of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and short essay questions.

- ❖ **Major Case Project:** Each student will be assigned a high profile offender and will be expected to conduct a thorough analysis of their case. Research assignments pertaining to your case will be handed out over the course of the semester, each over one major component of the criminal justice system - law enforcement, courts, corrections. At the end of the semester, you can use these assignments to complete a 5 page paper providing a comprehensive overview of your offender's case, tracking it across each stage of the CJS. This project will be worth a total of 30% of your final grade - 5% for each assignment and 15% for the paper.

Grading Structure:

Participation	10%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Major Case Project:	
Assignment 1: Law Enforcement	5%
Assignment 2: Courts	5%
Assignment 3: Corrections	5%
Paper	15%
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Total	100%

Scale:

98-100	A+	73-76	C
94-97	A	70-72	C-
90-93	A-	67-69	D+
87-89	B+	63-66	D
83-86	B	60-62	D-
80-82	B-	59 and below	F
77-79	C+		

Policies and Procedures: Exams will be conducted in class. Assignments must be turned in at the beginning of class on the due date. Please note that make-up exams and assignments will only be allowed under extreme circumstances and will require appropriate documentation. It is your responsibility to notify me of any such circumstances in a timely manner. Failure to complete any required exam or assignment will result in a grade of 0.

Academic Misconduct: References and citations should accompany each assignment and your major case paper. Obviously, cheating and plagiarizing other people's words and/or ideas will not be tolerated. The university is very clear on this policy. Students who engage in academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including automatic failure on an individual assignment, the possibility of failure in the course, and dismissal from the university.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts." Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22.

If you have any questions about the university's policy on academic misconduct/scholastic dishonesty, please consult the University of Texas at Dallas Handbook of Operating Procedures, Title V "Student Discipline and Conduct," Chapter 49 and <http://www.utdallas.edu/student/sliffe/>.

Other information: This class will make extensive use of WebCT for posting grades, assignments, supplemental readings, and other pertinent information; thus, you must be able to access WebCT. You need to check it several times a week for updates or other information. If you have not activated your NetID, you need to do so immediately. To activate your NetID, please go to <https://netid.utdallas.edu:4443/guam/servlet/MAIN>. If you have any problems, please see https://www.utdallas.edu/distlearn/students/webct_login.htm or call the help desk at 972-883-2911.

Course Schedule:

This outline is tentative and may be revised over the course of the semester. Additionally, some weeks I may be providing supplemental readings via WebCT that correspond to the topics we're covering. You will be responsible for all assigned readings.

Week 1 (Aug. 18th): Course Overview, Syllabus, and Introductions

Week 2 (Aug. 25th): Siegel: Chapter 1 and 3

Week 3 (Sept. 1st): Siegel: Chapter 4
Sept. 2nd Last day to drop without a "W"

Week 4 (Sept. 8th): Siegel: Chapter 5

Week 5 (Sept. 15th): Siegel: Chapter 6
Major Case: Assignment 1 due!

Week 6 (Sept. 22nd): **Exam 1**

Week 7 (Sept. 29th): Siegel: Chapter 7

Week 8 (Oct. 6th): Siegel: Chapter 8 and 9

Week 9 (Oct. 13th): Siegel: Chapter 10
Major Case: Assignment 2 due!

Week 10 (Oct. 20th): **Exam 2**
Last day to withdraw with a WP or WF

Week 11 (Oct. 27th): Siegel: Chapter 11

Week 12 (Nov. 3rd): Siegel: Chapter 12

Week 13 (Nov. 10th): Siegel: Chapter 13
Major Case: Assignment 3 due!

Week 14 (Nov. 17th): **Exam 3**

Week 15 (Nov. 24th): No Class: Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 16 (Dec. 1st): Final Exam Period
Major Case Paper due!