



CRIM 1301: Introduction to Criminal Justice
The University of Texas at Dallas
Spring 2025

Course: CRIM 1301: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Meeting Times: Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00pm – 2:15pm

Meeting Location: CR 1.202

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE COMMUNICATION

Email is the most effective way to reach the instructor. During normal business times (9am - 5pm Monday - Friday), I will typically respond to emails within 24 hours. However, if I do not answer within 48 hours, try re-emailing. Your emails should include: a subject with the course name, a salutation, a closing with your name, and proper grammar.

Only use your UTD email address to communicate with the instructor. Communications from non-UTD email addresses will not receive a response.

REQUIRED TEXT

Schmallegger, Frank. 2023. *Criminal Justice Today* (17th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An overview and analysis of the major agencies, personnel, and decision-making points which comprise the criminal justice system. Includes problems and issues confronting legislatures, police, courts, corrections, and the community, as they respond to crime in a free society. Legal precedents guiding the decisions of criminal justice agents are also discussed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will describe and analyze the structure and functions of the various components of the criminal justice system—police, courts, and corrections—by evaluating each stage of processing from arrest to release.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Make-up policy: Make up quizzes, exams, etc. will be decided on a case-by-case basis when adequate notice is provided to the professor.

Late work: Unless an exception is granted otherwise, late work is not permitted.

Examinations: There will be four examinations over the semester—one on each module. The exams will include a variety of question types (e.g., true/false, multiple choice, etc.). Each will contain approximately 50 questions on the materials presented in lectures and the textbook.

Exams are timed and should be completed in one sitting.

Quizzes: There will be 13 quizzes over the semester. Quizzes will be made available on eLearning after the last lecture for that chapter, and they will be due by the beginning of the next class. Each quiz will be worth 10 points. The lowest three quiz grades will be dropped. **Quizzes are timed and should be completed in one sitting.**

Class Attendance/Participation: Attendance to and participation in class will not be taken or graded. However, lecture PowerPoints will NOT be provided, so attending class is vital to success. A lack of attendance and participation will be reflected in lower grades.

GRADING SCALE

The following grading scale will be used to determine course grades:

LETTER	PERCENTAGE
A+	98–100%
A	93–97%
A–	90–92%
B+	87–89%
B	83–86%
B–	80–82%
C+	77–79%
C	73–76%
C–	70–72%
D+	67–69%
D	63–66%
D–	60–62%

ASSIGNMENT	TOTAL POINTS
Examinations (4)	400
Quizzes (10)	100
TOTAL:	500

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Class Recordings: Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Comet Creed: This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

Academic Integrity: The faculty expects from its students a high-level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrates a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.

See <https://conduct.utdallas.edu/integrity>.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty can occur in relation to any type of work submitted for academic credit or as a requirement for a class. It can include individual work or a group project. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, and collaboration/collusion. In order to avoid academic dishonesty, it is important for students to fully understand the expectations of their professors. This is best accomplished through asking clarifying questions if an individual does not completely understand the requirements of an assignment.

Use of Chat GPT or other AI based programs will not be tolerated. Assignments indicating any such use will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Additional information related to academic dishonesty and tips on how to avoid dishonesty may be found here: <https://conduct.utdallas.edu/dishonesty>.

Academic Support Resources: The information contained in the following link lists the University’s academic support resources for all students. Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources>.

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures: The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please review the sections regarding the [credit/no credit](#) grading option and withdrawal from class.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC(S)	READING ASSIGNMENT	QUIZ/EXAM #
1	1/21	Introduction: Syllabus & Course Overview	Syllabus	-
	1/23	What Is Criminal Justice?	Chapter 1	Quiz 1
2	1/28	The Crime Picture	Chapter 2	-
	1/30	-	-	Quiz 2
3	2/04	The Search for Causes	Chapter 3	-
	2/06	-	-	Quiz 3
4	2/11	Criminal Law	Chapter 4	-
	2/13	-	-	Quiz 4
5	2/18	EXAM 1	-	EXAM 1 (due 2/18)
	2/20	Policing: History & Structure	Chapter 5	Quiz 5
6	2/25	Policing: Purpose & Organization	Chapter 6	Quiz 6
	2/27	Policing: Legal Aspects	Chapter 7	Quiz 7
7	3/04	Policing: Issues & Challenges	Chapter 8	-
	3/06	-	-	Quiz 8
8	3/11	EXAM 2		EXAM 2 (due 3/11)
	3/13	NO CLASS – ACJS Conference	-	-
9	3/18	NO CLASS – Spring Break	-	-
	3/20	NO CLASS – Spring Break	-	-
10	3/25	The Courts: Structure & Participants	Chapter 9	
	3/27	-	-	Quiz 9
11	4/01	Pretrial Activities & the Criminal Trial	Chapter 10	-
	4/03	-	-	Quiz 10
12	4/08	Sentencing	Chapter 11	-
	4/10	-	-	Quiz 11
13	4/15	EXAM 3		EXAM 3 (due 4/15)
	4/17	Probation, Parole, & Community Corrections	Chapter 12	
14	4/22	-	-	Quiz 12
	4/24	Prisons and Jails	Chapter 13	-
15	4/29	-	-	Quiz 13
	5/01	Prison Life	Chapter 14	-
16	5/06	-	-	No Quiz for CH 14
	5/08	EXAM 4		EXAM 4 (due 5/08)