



**CRIM 3319: COMP. JUSTICE SYSTEMS**  
**FALL 2016**  
**Mondays/Wednesdays 4:00-5:15**  
**Dr. Nadine M. Connell**

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### **Course Information**

CRIM 3319.001 (85458)  
Comparative Justice Systems  
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GR 3.302

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### **Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions**

None

## Course Description

This course is a survey of differing policies, practices, and procedures of crime and justice cross-nationally. This includes an examination of how laws and legal procedures vary across and between various countries. An examination of how globalization affects crime and criminality. Additional emphasis will be placed on comparisons between the U.S. and other legal systems.

## Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes (in no particular order)

1. To become familiar with the ways that we know about crime and crime rates from around the world
2. To compare and contrast the differing legal systems around the world
3. To examine the ways in which the police, courts, correctional, and juvenile justice systems around the world compare to the criminal justice system in the United States.
4. To understand the difference between transnational, transitional, and global crime.
5. To identify and understand the types of crimes that transcend national borders and pose problems for the international justice community at large.

## Required Textbooks and Materials

Banks, C. & Baker, J. (2016). *Comparative, International, and Global Justice: Perspectives from criminology and criminal justice*. Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications. ISBN: 978-1-4833-3238-3

3 Blank Scantrons for exams (Form No. 882-E ONLY)

\*Note: Scantrons are free with purchases at Off Campus Books on Campbell Road or available for purchase at the UTD Bookstore

## Suggested Course Materials

None

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## Assignments & Academic Calendar

This course will consist of 3 exams (100 points each), 1 paper (200 points), and 3 classroom assignments. (200 points) You can earn a total of **700** points towards your grade.

### Assignments:

### Exams

**300 points**

There will be three exams in this class. The dates are listed below and on the schedule at the end of the syllabus. Each exam is worth **100 points**. Each exam will cover the material taught in the section preceding it. Please note that the exams are **NOT** cumulative. The exams will take place on the following dates:

<b>Exam #1:</b>	<b>Monday, October 3, 2016</b>
<b>Exam #2:</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 2, 2016</b>
<b>Exam #3:</b>	<b>TBD (Final Exam Schedule)</b>

Exams may consist of multiple-choice questions, true/false questions, fill-in word questions, short answers, and essay questions. More information about each exam will be given before the exam is administered.

## **Assignments 200 points**

There will be **three** assignments in this class. Out of the three assignments, the lowest grade will be dropped. Each assignment is worth **100 points**, for a total of **200 points**. Assignments will be posted on eLearning at least 48 hours before they are due. Due dates are as follows:

<b>Assignment #1:</b>	<b>Monday, September 12, 2016</b>
<b>Assignment #2:</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 5, 2016</b>
<b>Assignment #3:</b>	<b>Monday, November 14, 2016</b>

## **Comparison Country Paper 200 points**

Over the course of the semester, every student will write a paper in which they compare a crime or criminal justice response to crime between the United States and another country. This paper will be separated out into several components, all of which will included in your final grade. More information about this paper will be available on eLearning and discussed in class. Students are encouraged to pick their topic early in the semester in order to stay on track with the paper. Due dates are as follows:

<b>Topic Due:</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 31, 2016</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>Country Info:</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 21, 2016</b>	<b>40 points</b>
<b>Annotated Bibliography:</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2016</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Final Paper</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 30 2016</b>	<b>100 points</b>

## Schedule

Please see the attached class schedule for a list of the assigned readings and due dates. The schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, but students will always be informed of changes in a timely manner.

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## **Required Course Technology**

### eLearning:

This course utilizes a web page tool called **eLearning** to provide easy access to important course information. You must be registered for this class to log on to the site. You will use the web site to take your quizzes, obtain class information, check announcements, and receive your assignments. You can also obtain grades and replace a lost syllabus, among other things. This site address for the course is:

## elearning.utdallas.edu

It is very important that you begin to access eLearning as soon as possible and you become familiar with its functions. If you have any problems with eLearning, please contact the UTD Help Desk (<http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/eLearningHelpdesk.html> or 866-588-3192).

You will be required to access eLearning for the following reasons:

1. To access class lecture materials
2. To obtain class handouts and assignments
3. To keep updated on course announcements

You will also be able to use eLearning for the following information:

1. To replace a lost syllabus.
2. To check individual grades.
3. To download copies of articles or other information that will be useful for this class, such as class handouts, important news articles, or other information that is used for class.
4. To download copies of class assignments – this includes information about how to complete the assignments and information about how the assignments will be graded.
5. To download power-point slides of class lecture, which will be helpful for class discussion and for studying.
6. To get immediate access to class announcements; these announcements will cover things such as class cancellations, changes to the syllabus, or interesting happenings on campus. You should check these often.

## Grading Policy

*Grades will be calculated out of 700 points.*

<b>651 - 700</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>623 - 650</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>609 - 622</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>581 - 608</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>553 - 580</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>539 - 552</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>511 - 538</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>483 - 510</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>469 - 482</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>441 - 468</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>413 - 440</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>0 - 412</b>	<b>F</b>

## Course & Instructor Policies

### *Disability Accommodations:*

Please contact the professor as soon as possible with regards to necessary disability accommodations. The sooner that you speak to me, the sooner that we can make arrangements to fully accommodate your disability and discuss strategies to facilitate your learning in the course. It is important to me that all students have the opportunity to participate and engage in this course and I am happy to work with you to ensure that this happens.

The Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA) is located in the Student Services Building, suite 3.200. They can be reached by phone at (972) 883-2098 or by email at [disabilityservice@utdallas.edu](mailto:disabilityservice@utdallas.edu).

### *Make Up Exams:*

Make up exams will only be allowed with University approved documentation and if the professor is notified within 24 hours of the missed exam (exceptions may apply in rare circumstances). In the case that it is known that an exam will be missed ahead of time, the student is responsible for taking the exam before the appointed time, as set by the professor.

**Please note that the following reasons are NOT considered acceptable reasons for a makeup exam: going on a vacation; sleeping late; being in jail; accidentally shooting your laptop; roommate issues; dating issues; attending a monster truck rally; having your clothing stolen from the dorm washing machine; a bad haircut; the first day of hunting season (or any day of hunting season); cat scratch fever; interviewing for a reality show; and any other reason that the professor feels is not a reflection of the spirit of the UTD policies towards missing class and assignments.**

**In the event of the zombie apocalypse, all course policies are suspended until further notice.**

### *Extra Credit:*

None

### *Late Work:*

The same policies for make-up exams apply for late work.

### *Special Assignments:*

None

### *Class Attendance:*

Class attendance is expected. Please show respect to the professor, the guest speakers, and your fellow students by **being on time!** If you are not in class, you will not be able to participate or prepare well for your exams.

Students who do not sign in on the attendance sheet will be counted absent for that day – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Another classmate may **NOT** sign in for you – this will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and will immediately be referred to Judicial Affairs.

In the case of an absence, the student is responsible for missed materials.

### *Classroom Citizenship:*

In addition to the UTD policies on student conduct and discipline, please note that I have the following policies:

1. Laptops are allowed **so long as students maintain appropriate and respectful discourse and participation**. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that students are respectful of conversation topics. If you are laughing at someone's FB status while the class is discussing a serious topic, you are not participating in the spirit of the class and your laptop privileges will be revoked. Please note that if laptop privileges are revoked for one person, they will be revoked for the **ENTIRE** class. Don't be that person.
2. Cell phones **MUST** be turned **OFF**. If you are expecting a call, please be courteous and leave your phone on silent and then step politely out of the room to answer it. **IF A CELL PHONE GOES OFF IN CLASS, I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO GIVE THE CLASS A POP QUIZ**. Furthermore, I do not expect students to be texting during class. If I see this once, I will offer a generalized warning to the entire class that I do not want to see students texting. If I see this a second time, you will be asked to leave the class and will not receive credit for any assignments for that class period.
3. Do not under any circumstances engage in academic dishonesty. I will refer all questions of academic dishonesty directly to disciplinary proceedings.
4. Students may **NOT** record the instructor or any guest speakers in any manner. You may **NEVER** sell your Power Point presentations, notes, online, or personal study guide materials or any other class materials (with the exception of the purchased required textbook).

### *Email Use*

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. **The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account.** This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts. **You are required to check your eLearning account before our class to get updates, communications, and notices about exams, etc. in this class!**

If you have not done so already, please activate your email and become familiar with eLearning after the first class and begin to check it regularly. If you do not check your email your box will fill and no longer accept new messages, including critical ones regarding grades and university business. The instructor will make no special attempts to reach you if your email is returned due to your box being over quota. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR UTD EMAIL ACCOUNT FREQUENTLY.**

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