



Course CRIM 1301.001
Introduction to Criminal Justice
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General Course Information

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions	None.
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.
Learning Objectives	Students will identify and describe the structure and function of the various components of the criminal justice system.
Contacting the Professor	<p>Please contact me via telephone or e-mail at the number and address above. I strive to respond to your e-mail or telephone inquiry within 24 hours. <i>Include This Course (CRIM1301) in the Subject Line for Prompt Response.</i></p> <p>You will receive e-mail as a class through Orion at your official University e-mail address. Should you wish to contact me about matters related to your academic standing (e.g., anything related to your grades), you must do so from your official University e-mail address. If you want to contact me to ask a question about the content of the course (e.g., a criminal justice question), please feel free to use whatever e-mail address is most convenient for you.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: To be sure that your e-mail receives my prompt attention, please put the phrase CRIM1301 in the subject line. This will flag it for my attention.</p>
Texts, Readings, & Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required: Gaines & Miller, <i>Criminal Justice in Action</i>; 9th ed. With MindTap; Cengage. ISBN: 9781337123938• Required: One of the following polling solutions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Turning Point Clicker + License○ Turning Point Responseware Licence + Device• Required: Scantron Form 882-E (Green)

Assignments & Academic Calendar (TENTATIVE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Start Date	Chapter	End Date
8/22	Chapter 1	8/24
8/29	Chapter 2	8/31
8/31	Chapter 3	9/7
9/12	Chapter 4	9/19
9/21	Chapter 5	9/26
9/28	Chapter 6	10/3
10/5	Chapter 7	10/10
10/17	Chapter 8	10/19
10/19	Chapter 9	10/24
10/26	Chapter 10	10/31
10/31	Chapter 11	11/2
11/7	Chapter 12	11/9
11/14	Chapter 13	11/29
11/30	Chapter 14	12/5

Midterm Exam: 10/12
Final Exam: 12/7

Chapter homework assignments are due as follows:

- Video Review and You Decide activities are due by 4:00 PM on the day we begin covering a chapter;
- Online Quizzes are due by 4:00 PM on the first class day following the completion of a chapter.

For example: We cover chapter 4 from 9/12 through 9/19. Therefore the Video Review and You Decide are due by 4:00 PM on 9/12, and the quiz is due by 4:00 PM on 9/21.

Class will not meet as a group on the following dates:

9/5, 9/14, 11/16, 11/21, and 11/23. On some occasions, alternative assignments will be made available.

Course Policies

Grading (credit Criteria) Grades in this class come from your performance on chapter homework, exams, quizzes, and attendance. Grades are structured as follows:

Best 10 of 14 Quizzes x 25	250 Points
Best 20 Attendances x 5	100 Points
Best 10 Chapter Homework x 20	200 Points
Midterm Exam	225 Points
Final Exam	225 Points
Total	1000 Points

Letter grades will be assigned on the following point scale.

96% and Above	A+
93% - 95%	A
90% - 92%	A-
86% - 89%	B+
83% - 85%	B
80% - 82%	B-
76% - 79%	C+
73% - 75%	C
70% - 72%	C-
66% - 69%	D+
63% - 65%	D
60% - 62%	D-
Below 60%	F

Quizzes

Quizzes are taken online in eLearning after each chapter. The quiz will be visible to you in the Chapters section of eLearning at 5:30 PM on the day we complete lecturing over the chapter. You will have until 4:00 PM on the following class day to complete the quiz. Your 10 highest grades will count for 200 points, or 20% of your final course grade. You will not be able to start or submit your quiz after the due date and time.

Attendance

Your attendance is your business, but I intend to incentivize you. Every day during the lecture we will have some comprehension or discussion questions using keypad polling (clickers) or cell phone polling (ResponseWare) – questions designed to stimulate conversation and ensure that we're all understanding the material. You will NOT be graded on whether your answer is correct or incorrect; simply participating in all of the questions of the day will give you the five (5) points for attendance that day. Your 20 best attendance grades will count for 100 points, or 10% of your final course grade.

Chapter Homework

We have extensive resources available for this class using the eLearning platform. This includes full text of the book, videos, study aids, etc. After you read each chapter, and before 4:00 PM on the day we start the lecture for that chapter, you are required to complete the Video and You Decide exercises. Both are located in the Chapter section of eLearning for this class. The video involves you watching a brief video, then answering questions about the video. The You Decide activity involves your answering a series of questions about the material. Combined they are worth 20 points per chapter. Your best 10 chapters will count for 200 points, or 20% of your final course grade.

Exams

We will have two (2) in-class exams. You will need to bring a Scantron Form 882-E to record and submit your responses. You will have the entire class period to complete the exam. If you arrive late to class you will not be afforded any additional time. If you arrive to class after the first completed test has been turned in, you will not be eligible to take the exam (see Make-up Exam). You will be required to identify yourself upon turning in the exam using your Comet Card or a government-issued ID.

Make-up Exams	Should you miss a scheduled exam or be ineligible to complete it you may take the make-up final exam offered during the final exam date for this class. This exam is comprehensive. Your grade on this exam will replace your missing grade.
Extra Credit	Grades in this class are based on the work that you do. There will be NO end of semester extra-credit assignments made on an individual student basis.
Late Work	Late work will not be accepted.

Class Attendance	Class attendance is essential. It is also your responsibility. Whether or not you attend, you are responsible for all material delivered in class. This will probably include: deviations from the published text or notes, notification of errors in the text or notes, rescheduled or cancelled tests, etc. You can avoid many headaches by checking with a friend (or me) to see what you missed.
Use of Technology	<p>This course uses a classroom polling software known as Turning Point Cloud. In order to participate in the required polling activities, students will need to purchase a Turning License. The Turning License is available at the UTD Bookstore.</p> <p>For this course, you do not need an RF-LCD device (clicker). If you had recently purchased an RF-LCD Clicker from the UTD Bookstore, you may be able to obtain a free Turning License. The UTD Bookstore has a limited time offer for legacy students, and it is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check with the Bookstore for more details. In class, to participate in the polling sessions, students will need to carry a mobile device (smartphone/ tablet/ laptop) to class, or use an RF-LCD Clicker.</p> <p>YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR DEVICE OR LICENSE IN eLEARNING TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE.</p> <p>Please visit http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/resources for more details.</p>
Incorporation of University Policies	<p>The University has established a variety of rules and procedures that govern your experience as a student. While not spelled out explicitly in this syllabus, they are none the less applicable to you. You should make yourself aware of these policies, as they define your rights and responsibilities as a student. Particular examples include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing Confidential Information • Campus Carry • Technical Support • Field Trip Policies, Off-Campus Instruction, and Course Activities • Student Conduct and Discipline • Academic Integrity • Copyright Notice • Email Use • Class Attendance • Withdrawn from Class • Student Grievance Procedures • Incomplete Grade Policy • AccessAbility Services • Religious Holy Days • Success Resources <p>To view these and other policies in detail, visit http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies. All applicable University policies are incorporated herein by inclusion of this link.</p>

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor. The most recent, date, time and policy addenda announced in class or through e-mail take precedent over any material published in this syllabus.