

CJ 1013
Introduction to Criminal Justice

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Other Times: By Appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Introduction to Criminal Justice focuses on the various processing stages, practices, and personnel of the criminal justice system. This course examines the problem of crime in American society and the administrative response to this issue. Both historical and contemporary components of the system, including police, the courts, and the corrections field, are explored. This course is designed to provide the student with a broad-based understanding of both the effects of crime on our community structures and the challenges the criminal justice system faces in responding to crime in our society.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the students will:

1. Be familiar with the laws, procedures, and policies involved in processing an offender through the criminal justice system.
2. Understand the roles and responsibilities of various officials involved in processing offenders.
3. Understand the police role, the judicial system function, and the correctional techniques used in dealing with offenders.
4. Be familiar with the history of the public's attitudes toward the offender and the resulting changes in laws, system policies, and legal practices.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction (6th Ed.)
Author: Frank Schmalleger

Supplemental Website: <http://www.iejs.com>

This course is "web enhanced." This means that many of the required readings will be found on the website at the URL above. To access material for this class, go to that site and click on the green "UAM Students" link near the bottom of the page, then select "Introduction"

COURSE GRADE

Your grade will come in the form of four (4) examinations, a project, participation, and a final exam. Each exam will consist of approximately 50 points in any possible combination of formats, including essay. The grading scale is as follows:

90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
Below 60%	F

Grade Components:

4 Exams @ 15% each	60%
Project	20%
Participation / Attendance	5%
Final Exam	15%
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Class Decorum:

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Seeking, obtaining, or accessing information in any form or by any method other than the unprompted knowledge of the student constitutes cheating. Plagiarism is the presentation of the work or ideas of another as one's own. Cheating on tests or plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course and be referred to the Dean of Students for additional review (see the *UAM Catalog* for a description of the University's disciplinary procedure).

Unless specifically stated by the instructor, all assignments are to be completed by you alone. Do not work in groups unless specifically authorized to do so. Two or more students collaborating on an assignment will be considered **plagiarism**. *This does not preclude the use of study groups and mutual aid—these are highly encouraged.*

ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION AND TARDINESS: Students are expected to participate in class discussions. If you are more than 10 minutes late for class, don't come at all. Entering class late is disruptive and discourteous to other students.

Mandatory attendance will not be demanded within the scope of this class. I understand that there are going to be instances where you are not going to be able to make it, there may be a time when I am unable to attend class. However missing class will adversely affect your grade in that information that I present within the scope of lecture and discussion may not be covered in the book. I have found that there is a direct correlation between the number of times that a student misses class and the grade that they earn. **THIS COURSE, DUE TO ITS NATURE, BUILDS ON ITSELF. MISSING CLASS WILL HURT YOU OVER THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF THE CLASS.** If you miss a class, talk to one of the students in the class to get a copy of the day's notes.

Any missed material is the responsibility of the student.

MAKE UP EXAMINATIONS AND LATE WORK:

Failure to take an exam during the scheduled time period will result in a failing grade for the exam. However, upon the occurrence of *serious* illness or other extremely compelling circumstances, supported by incontrovertible evidence, **one** make-up exam **may** be given. Missed exams will be taken on the last regularly scheduled day of class. Such exams will always be in a long essay format. *Late work will be assessed a 10% penalty for every 24 hour period that lapses past the time the assignment is due.* Deadlines are just that; early work is always accepted. If you think there is the slightest possibility that your computer will fail, your printer will malfunction, or a feral goat will eat your paper, plan to turn it in with a few days safety margin.

Special Note: The instructor reserves the right to administratively withdraw students from the class who cause a disruption to the learning environment or otherwise fail to conduct themselves in a manner befitting a student at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Any behaviors expressly forbidden in the University *Catalog* are grounds for such withdrawal. Do not converse with other students and do not bring noisemaking electronic devices to class. This includes cell phones, beepers, and so forth. (Public safety professionals are exempt from this requirement while on duty).

You are expected to act in a professional manner in this course. You are required to act in accordance with University regulations and maintain a respectful demeanor toward your classmates. Any violation of University policy will result in your administrative withdrawal from the course. Consider your interactions with this course as a *professional* environment.

A Note from the Provost's Office

"The following action is prohibited under the Student Conduct Code: Disorderly Conduct: Any behavior which disrupts the regular or normal functions of the University community, including behavior which breaches the peace or violates the rights of others."

Students with Disabilities:

It is the policy of the University of Arkansas-Monticello to accommodate individuals with disabilities pursuant to federal law and the University's commitment to equal educational opportunities. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor of any necessary accommodations at the beginning of the course. Any student requiring accommodations should contact the Office of Special Student Services located in Harris Hall, Room 219, phone 870-460-1154; TDD 870-460-1251; or fax 870-460-1810.

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 23:	First Day of Classes. Schedule Changes.
Tuesday, August 29:	Last Day to Make Schedule Changes
Monday, September 4:	Labor Day Holiday—No Classes
Friday, September 14:	Exam I (Tentative)
Friday, October 6:	Exam II (Tentative) / Deadline to Apply for May Graduation
Friday October 27:	Exam III (Tentative)
Monday, November 6:	Spring Registration Begins
Wednesday, November 8:	Last Day to Withdraw with a 'W'
Monday, November 20:	Exam IV (Tentative)
Wednesday, November 22:	Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
Tuesday, December 5:	Last Day to Withdraw
Friday, December 8:	Projects are due <i>at the beginning of class.</i>
Friday, December 15:	Final Exam (1:30)

Course Outline

Part 1 **Crime in America**

Chapter 1	What is Criminal Justice?	(Week 1)
Chapter 2	The Crime Picture	(Week 2)
Chapter 3	Criminal Law	(Weeks 3 & 4)

Part 2 **Policing**

Chapter 4	Policing: Purpose and Organization	(Week 5)
Chapter 5	Policing: Legal Aspects	(Weeks 6 & 7)
Chapter 6	Policing: Issues and Challenges	(Week 8)

Part 3 **Adjudication**

Chapter 7	The Courts	(Week 9)
Chapter 8	The Criminal Trial	(Weeks 10 & 11)
Chapter 9	Sentencing	(Week 12)

Part 4 **Corrections**

Chapter 10	Community Corrections	(Week 13)
Chapter 11	Prisons and Jails	(Weeks 14 and 15)