

**Sociology 2014**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**Spring 2002**

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**Course Objective:**

This course examines the major actors and institutions of criminal justice: police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, plea bargaining, criminal, civil and juvenile courts, sentencing, incarceration and community supervision. We will also focus on how institutions of criminal justice discover, respond to, and process crime as well as discuss some of the problems within the criminal justice system

**Required Texts:**

Albanese, Jay. 2002. Criminal Justice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Allyn and Bacon / Longman.

**Grading:**

The grades for this course will be based on the following:

- Exams (30% each exam x 3 = 90% of final grade)
- Attendance and Participation (10% of final grade)

**Exams**

The exams will cover material from lectures, readings, class discussions and films. The format of the exams vary and may include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank and short answer essays. The final exam is not comprehensive. Each exam is worth 25% of the final grade. While exam reviews are offered on the class period prior to the exam, study guides will not be provided. Students should bring a blue book or acceptable substitute on exam days to record their answers. Students are expected to take the exams at the scheduled times. It is your responsibility to clear your calendar for the above dates and times. Make-up exams will not be given without prior permission from this instructor. If you have a conflict with the exam schedule, please see me before Thursday, January 31, 2002. If you have a legitimate emergency that prevents you from taking the exam at its scheduled time, please contact me before the exam to make other arrangements.



### **Attendance and Participation (10% of final grade)**

While the quality of your written and examination work is important in the accumulation of your points for your final grade, the extent of your effort will also be carefully considered. It is my expectation that you will attend each class session, that you will arrive on time, and that you will remain in class for the entire class period. This portion of your grade will reflect not only your attendance in class, but also the extent of your participation. It may also include pop quizzes on the assigned readings (please don't make me do this – come prepared!). Showing up to class is one thing; asking questions, participating in discussions about lecture and readings and being (or at least looking!) interested is another. If you tend to be quiet in class, please plan on sending me regular e-mail messages or scheduling appointments to meet with me to chat about the readings or to let me know what you're finding interesting or puzzling.

I understand that you may find it necessary to miss one or two classes if, for example, you have a medical emergency or you registered late for this class. It is your responsibility to consult with a classmate prior to your return to class to find out about any course material (including announcements) you missed during your absence.

### **Class Outline:**

This schedule outlines the materials that will be covered during each class period. You are expected to come to class prepared, having read the required material for each class. I reserve the right to modify the course requirements and schedule. Any changes will be announced in class.

#### **1/15: Introduction to the class**

##### **Criminal Justice Perspectives**

##### **Readings:**

Chapter 1

#### **1/17: The Nature and Causes of Crime**

##### **Readings:**

Chapter 2

#### **1/22: Video – Crime and Punishment in America**

#### **1/24: Video – Crime and Punishment in America**

#### **1/29: Defining and Measuring Crime**

##### **Readings:**

Chapter 3

#### **1/31: Criminal Law**

##### **Readings:**

Chapter 6



**2/5: Perpetrators and Victims of Crime**

**Readings:**

Chapter 4

**2/7: Economic and Political Crime**

**Readings:**

Chapter 5

**2/12: Exam Review**

**2/14: Exam #1**

**2/19: The Criminal Justice System**

**Readings:**

Chapter 7

**2/21: Field Trip: Boulder County Jail**

**2/26: Video – LA Justice**

**2/28: Criminal Procedure and the Police**

**Readings:**

Chapter 8

**3/5: Origins and Organization of Law Enforcement**

**Readings:**

Chapter 9

**3/7: Issues in Law Enforcement and Police Behavior**

**Readings:**

Chapter 10

**3/12: Guest Speaker**

**3/14: Video – Cops on Trial**

**3/19: Exam Review**

**3/21: Exam #2**

**3/26 and 3/28: Spring Break – No classes**

**4/2: Origins and Organization of the Courts**

**Readings:**

Chapter 11



**4/4: Trial Defense and Prosecution, Trials and Prosecution**

**Readings:**

Chapters 12 and 13

**4/9: Origins and Organization of Jails and Prisons**

**Readings:**

Chapter 14

**4/11: Field trip – Boulder County Justice Center**

**4/16: Video – The Farm**

**4/18: Probation and Community Corrections  
Justice and Punishment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Readings:**

Chapters 15 and 16

**4/23: Juvenile Justice**

**Readings:**

Chapter 17

**4/30: Guest Speaker**

**5/2: Course Conclusions and Exam Review**

**Final Exam 5/8 1:30-4:00**

