

# ***INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE***

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**CRM 105 Online**

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**Required Book:** *Cole, Smith and DeJong Criminal Justice in America*, 9<sup>th</sup> (Cengage Learning, 2018)

## **MESSAGE TO STUDENTS**

Welcome to Introduction to Criminal Justice. We are about to begin our study of crime and justice in contemporary American society. As you will soon learn, criminal justice is a fascinating and fast-paced subject. You also will learn that crime affects us all, if not directly as victims or perpetrators of crime then indirectly as taxpayers, consumers and fearful citizens. *NO ONE ESCAPES CRIME!*

Criminal justice is a dynamic field of study. Criminal justice draws upon the disciplines of psychology, sociology, political science, economics, history and the law. Not to worry, however. I do not expect you to have more than a superficial knowledge of these disciplines, nor do I expect you (at the beginning of the course, that is) to know much about the criminal justice system.

Due to the many topics that must be covered during the semester, we will not be able to devote a great deal of time to every issue. I will be happy to provide you with reference material on special subjects if you wish to investigate them in greater depth.

UNCW takes all forms of interpersonal violence and harassment seriously. When students disclose to faculty or staff about sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking, this information must be reported to the administration to protect students' rights and to maintain campus security. There are three confidential resources that do not need to report interpersonal violence: UNCW CARE, the Student Health Center, and the Counseling Center. All these resources are available including CARE's 24-hour crisis line (910-512-4821). For emergencies contact Campus Police at 962-2222, or call 911. For more information, please visit: [www.uncw.edu/sexualmisconduct](http://www.uncw.edu/sexualmisconduct) or [www.uncw.edu/care](http://www.uncw.edu/care).

## **STUDENT EVALUATION**

Foremost among my concerns is to evaluate every student fairly and accurately. Please read my evaluation procedures carefully. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation, speak to me directly about what I may do to help. You also need to register with Disability Services in DePaolo Hall (962-7555).

### **1. Exams:**

All students are required to take the exams when scheduled (see Course Agenda below). There are 6 exams. Each exam will cover two or three chapters from the book plus class notes (except the 6<sup>th</sup> exam, the final, will be partly cumulative). Exams will be mainly multiple choice questions.

All exams will be posted on Blackboard with accompanying instructions. ***You will take all exams on your computer and submit them to me on Blackboard.*** If you have never taken an online test before then you will want to consider your strategy before you begin. The exams will be timed by the computer. Once you start, you cannot save the file and return later. This means you better be ready to spend the next half hour or so in front of your computer working hard. ***HINT: Complete all your exams and assignments well before the posted deadline just in case you have some technical glitch or other distraction. The computer will shut you out immediately if you are late. LATE EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.***

### **Important Notes about Exams:**

1. I am asking you NOT to use your book. Be advised – there are too many questions and too little time to spend flipping through your book or personal notes to find the correct answers. If you have not done your reading and studying before your exam you will run out of time.
2. Exam questions are automatically scrambled by the computer. If you and a friend in this same class sit down together to take the exam at the same time for mutual support and encouragement, you will not be taking the same test.
3. Because of the nature of this online course and the greater flexibility of your time, only on rare occasions do I allow a make-up exam to be taken. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (NORMALLY WITHIN 6 HOURS OF EXAM TIME) WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO TAKE AN EXAM. EMAIL ME OR CALL ME.**

### **2. Assignments:**

I like to closely monitor student learning as the course progresses. This is especially important for an online course. There will be a number of assignments to complete that are designed to give you an opportunity to apply criminal justice concepts and strategies to real-world issues. All assignments will be posted on Blackboard and must be submitted back to me on Blackboard.

### **3. E-Chats:**

Even though this is an online course, I expect students to take an active role in their learning. The main way participation will be assessed is through frequent E-Chats. These E-Chats are to be initiated by students and relevant to the topics in our study. All E-Chats will be posted on Blackboard and must be submitted back to me on Blackboard.

## POINT DISTRIBUTION and GRADES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points and Grades</u>	<u>UNCW Policy</u>
Exams	350*	461-500 = A	A = Excellent
Assignments	100**	450-460 = A-	B = Good
E-Chats	50***	435-449 = B+	C = Average
	500	411-434 = B	D = Passing
		400-410 = B-	F = Failure
		385-399 = C+	
		361-384 = C	
		350-360 = C-	
		335-349 = D+	
		311-334 = D	
		300-310 = D-	

\* Exams (6): Exam 1-5 worth 50 points each; Exam 6 worth 100 points – 350 points total

\*\* Assignments (5): Worth 20 points each – 100 points total

\*\*\* E-Chats (5): Worth 10 points each – 50 points total

### When Online Exams and Assignments are Due

Be prepared to have Exams, Assignments and E-Chats due on **Thursdays**. The other days of the week and the weekends are reserved for studying and preparing your written work. Assignments and E-Chats may be submitted before their due dates; Exams may not be taken early.

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- \* Study diligently, read “actively,” complete assignments on time
- \* Take good notes of book and online materials
- \* Try your best – don’t give up

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify the functions and purposes of the U.S. criminal justice system, including courts, corrections and police; (HIB 1)
2. Describe the theoretical explanations for crime and victimization trends; (HIB 3)
3. Describe the development and influence of law on the criminal justice system and society as a whole; (HIB 1)
4. Analyze and synthesize information to describe and critically assess the criminal justice system; (HIB 2)
5. Develop the ability to engage in critical thinking and reading; (HIB 2)
6. Describe the development of social policies related to the criminal justice system. (HIB 4)

***By remaining enrolled in this class, I assume you agree to adhere to the policies mentioned above. Remember, the primary responsibility for learning is yours.***

**[Read and Follow Section I - Academic Honor Code in Code of Student Life](#)**

## ***COURSE AGENDA***

<b><u>Day:</u></b>	<b><u>Part I CRIME AND JUSTICE</u></b>	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>
R – August 17	Criminal Justice System <i>Assignment 1</i>	Ch 1 + Class Notes
T – August 22	Criminal Justice System (cont.)	Ch 1 + Class Notes
R – August 24	<i>(E-Chat 1 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – August 29	Crime and Justice in America	Ch 2 + Class Notes
R – August 31	<i>Exam 1 (Chapters 1 &amp; 2)</i>	
T – September 5	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law	Ch 3 + Class Notes
R – September 7	<i>Assignment 2</i>	
T – September 12	Juvenile Justice	Ch 15 + Class Notes
R – September 14	<i>Exam 2 (Chapters 3 &amp; 15)</i> <i>(E-Chat 2 – Due by Now)</i>	
<b><u>Part II POLICING AMERICAN SOCIETY</u></b>		
T – September 19	Police	Ch 4 + Class Notes
R – September 21	<i>Assignment 3</i>	
T – September 26	Twenty-First Century Policing	Ch 5 + Class Notes
R – September 28	<i>(E-Chat 3 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – October 3	Police and Law	Ch 6 + Class Notes
R – October 5	<i>Exam 3 (Chapters 4, 5 &amp; 6)</i>	
<b><u>Part III THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM</u></b>		
T – October 10	Courts and Adjudication	Ch 7 + Class Notes
R – October 12	<i>(E-Chat 4 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – October 17	Pretrial Procedures	Ch 8 + Class Notes
R – October 19	<i>Assignment 4</i>	
T – October 24	Punishment and Sentencing	Ch 9 + Class Notes
R – October 26	<i>Exam 4 (Chapters 7, 8 &amp; 9)</i>	
<b><u>Part IV CORRECTIONS</u></b>		
T – October 31	Corrections	Ch 10 + Class Notes
R – November 2	<i>(E-Chat 5 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – November 7	Incarceration & Prison Society	Ch 11 + Class Notes
R – November 9	<i>Exam 5 (Chapters 10 &amp; 11)</i>	
T – November 14	Community Corrections	Ch 12 + Class Notes
R – November 16	<i>Assignment 5</i>	
T – November 21	Reentry into the Community	
R – November 23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
T – November 28	Reentry into the Community (cont.)	Ch 13 + Class Notes
R – November 30	<i>Exam 6 (Half from Chapters 12 &amp; 13; Half Cumulative)</i>	