

University of Maryland, College Park
CCJS 100: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of the three major components of the United States criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections. Each component will be explored in its development over time as well as various issues surrounding each component. This course will also cover important issues that are relevant to current debates including reentry, technology and crime, juvenile justice, and future directions for criminal justice.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Cole, G. F., Smith, C. E. & DeJong, C. (2018). *Criminal Justice in America*, 9th Edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. ISBN-13: 9781305966062.

COURSE WEBSITE

This class utilizes Canvas (ELMS) for distribution of important course information. To access Canvas, go to <http://elms.umd.edu> and log in with your Directory ID and password. If you have any problems accessing your account, contact the support desk at 301-405-1400. You must be registered for the class to access the course website. The syllabus, extra reading material, class announcements, and grades will be posted on Canvas. You are strongly encouraged to access Canvas on a regular basis as you are responsible for knowing the material posted on the website. Please also monitor and use the email account associated with Canvas to communicate with me.

COURSE GRADING

Exam #1: 20%

Exam #2: 25%

Exam #3: 30%

Pop Quizzes: 20%

Class Participation (Ongoing): 5%

Percentage points will be converted to a letter grade as listed below:

A+ (97-100%)	B+ (87-89%)	C+ (77-79%)	D+ (67-69%)	F (<60%)
A (93-96%)	B (83-86%)	C (73-76%)	D (63-66%)	
A- (90-92%)	B- (80-82%)	C- (70-72%)	D- (60-62%)	

EXAMS

Grades will be based on three exams and classroom discussions. Exams will be multiple-choice and will feature content from the assigned readings and weekly lectures. Exams will be completed without the use of notes, texts, computers, or additional aides. You will be asked to remove all smart watches and power off all phones before the start of each exam. Exams will be non-cumulative and will not be curved in the course. **Please note that if you arrive for an exam after the first person has completed and exited the lecture hall, you may not sit for the exam.**

PARTICIPATION

Grades will not be based on attendance; rather, they will be based on active participation. Hence, you are expected to come to each lecture and contribute some sort of active behavior (examples: engaging in discussions, asking questions, answering questions etc.) during class. Simply showing up will not be a part of your grade. You are expected to arrive on time and remain throughout the entire duration of the lecture. Participation is an ongoing process; therefore, your participation grade will not be posted until the end of the semester. Participation points can only be earned during lectures, so if you are absent from a lecture, you will not earn participation points for that day. No extra credit will be offered in the course.

GRADE DISPUTES

If you have questions or concerns about your exam grade(s) and believe I should review them, you must submit a written request over email that describes your concern in detail. This request must be submitted within **one week** after grades for the relevant assignment have been posted.

MAKEUP POLICY

I have a very strict policy regarding makeup exams. These will only be given in cases of excused absences and official documentation is required. **Exams are considered to be Major Scheduled Graded Events and therefore the University medical excuse policy which allows one student signed honor statement attesting to illness does not apply to them.** Excused absences are: illness with a doctor's note, death in the immediate family, required school activities, and required court appearances. **I will not accept a Health Center honor statement to verify an illness.** If you go to the Health Center and a doctor will not write you a note, you will need to get a copy of your medical record from them to verify your illness. By law, you are entitled to get a copy of this and it is your responsibility to do so.

I must be notified in person or via email **PRIOR** to missing an exam for me to consider giving you a makeup. If you have a problem on the day of an exam, contact me immediately and I can advise you what to do. **If you know in advance that you will be absent for an exam with an approved absence, you will be expected to take the exam prior to the scheduled exam date.** Failure to adhere to these policies will result in a grade of zero for the exam. All makeup exams must be completed within one week of the missed exam.

If you miss a lecture, it is your responsibility to obtain lecture notes from a classmate. I do not post or hand out lecture notes regardless of circumstances. Although University policy does not allow grading based on attendance, you will need to attend classes regularly to ensure you obtain and understand the course material covered each week. No extra credit will be offered in the course.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

I will make every effort to accommodate students who are registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office and who provide me with a University of Maryland DSS Accommodation form. To receive documentation, please call DSS at 301-314-7682. This form must be presented to me no later than **September 16, 2019**. I am not able to accommodate students who are not registered with DSS or who do not provide me with documentation that has been reviewed by DSS. DSS students who are requesting to take their exams at the DSS Center must complete the online ADS test request form **one week prior to each exam**. The student is expected to take the exam at the same time as the rest of the class.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

If you are unable to take exams due to a religious observance, you will need to discuss this with me by **September 16, 2019**. Failure to notify me by this date will result in the grade of a zero for the missed exam/assignment.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic dishonesty of **any form will absolutely NOT be tolerated**. Academic dishonesty encompasses the traditional behavior such as cheating on exams and assignments, giving false statements, etc., but also includes activities such as possessing and/or reviewing previous semesters' exams, quizzes, or other assignments. Also, under no circumstances are you allowed to create, purchase, or distribute commercially produced notes. Additionally, students will be asked to write the University approved Honor Pledge on each exam. The University of Maryland, College Park has a nationally Recognized Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. This Code sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student, you are responsible for upholding these standards for this course. **It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism**. For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit <http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html>.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

The success of this class is dependent not only on my ability to convey new and complicated ideas, but also on our ability as a class to work together to create an environment conducive to learning. As a department and university, we expect the faculty and students to be prepared for class and to be actively engaged in the classroom activities. Unfortunately, disruptive behaviors in the classroom cheat other students of opportunities to learn.

The University of Maryland's Code of Academic Integrity defines classroom disruption as "behavior a reasonable person would view as substantially or repeatedly interfering with the conduct of a class." This includes such things as leaving the classroom repeatedly, making loud and distracting noises, and pursuing side conversations during the course lecture. This also includes reading outside material, sleeping, side conversations, text messaging and using prohibited technological devices. Also, please note that **cell phones are to be turned off during class**. Repeated classroom disruptions will result in being asked to leave the class and may ultimately affect the grade you receive. Repeated tardiness to class lectures will also be considered disruptive and may influence your final grade. Students are expected to treat each other with respect. Disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Students who are unable to show civility with one another or me will be subject to referral to the Office of Student Conduct or to Campus Police. You are expected to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

All technological devices are prohibited in this class including: laptops, MP3 devices, smart phones, phones, calculators, smart watches, gaming devices, etc. If these devices are seen and/or used during the class, you will be asked to leave class immediately. If these devices are seen and/or used during an exam, the exam will be collected from you and you will no longer be allowed to continue taking the exam. The exam score will be noted as zero and you will be referred to the Student Honor Council. In addition, you are not allowed to record the lectures (neither audio nor video recording) or take pictures of any of the course material (Power Point slides, quizzes, exams, etc.). The only exception to the use of technology policy is required accommodations through DSS.

ATHLETES

Official athletic schedules must be submitted to me by **September 16, 2018**. Practices do not count as an excused absence; in cases of an excused absence (e.g., a game), students are expected to arrange with me makeup exams/assignments. Athletes who miss exams/assignments due to games or other commitments, yet never submitted an official schedule by **September 16, 2018** and never spoke with me, will receive a grade of zero for the relevant assignment.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

On occasion, classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If the university is closed on the day a graded item is scheduled, the graded assignment will be rescheduled for the next class meeting in which the university is open. If a final exam is cancelled, I will follow university rules for rescheduling.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

Your feedback about this course is very important to me and therefore we will do several forms of evaluation throughout this semester. One important campus-wide evaluation is the online evaluation at the end of the session. You can go directly to the website (www.courseevalum.umd.edu) to complete your evaluations.

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Class Schedule & Reading Assignments

Reading assignments are to be completed prior to the date on the schedule.

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Reading Assignments
1	M 8/26	Course Introduction	Chapter 1
	W 8/28	The Criminal Justice System	
2	M 9/02	No Class: Labor Day	Chapter 1
	W 9/04	The Criminal Justice System	
3	M 9/9	Crime and Crime Causation	Chapter 2
	W 9/11	Crime and Crime Causation	Chapter 2
4	M 9/16	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law	Chapter 3
	W 9/18	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law	Chapter 3
5	M 9/23	Police	Chapter 4
	W 9/25	Police	Chapter 4
6	M 9/30	Review for Exam #1	
	W 10/02	EXAM #1 (CHAPTERS 1-4)	
7	M 10/07	Policing: Issues & Challenges	Chapter 5
	W 10/09	Police and Law	Chapter 6
8	M 10/14	Courts and Adjudication	Chapter 7
	W 10/16	Criminal Trial	Chapter 8
9	M 10/21	Criminal Trial	Chapter 8
	W 10/23	Punishment and Sentencing	Chapter 9
10	M 10/28	Review for Exam #2	
	W 10/30	EXAM #2 (CHAPTERS 5-9)	
11	M 11/04	Corrections	Chapter 10
	W 11/06	Incarceration and Prison Society	Chapter 11
12	M 11/11	Incarceration and Prison Society	Chapter 11
	W 11/13	Probation/Intermediate Sanctions	Chapter 12
13	M 11/18	Probation/Intermediate Sanctions	Chapter 12
	W 11/20	Reentry	Chapter 13
14	M 11/25	Technology & Criminal Justice	Chapter 14
	W 11/27	No Class: Thanksgiving Break	
15	M 12/02	Juvenile Justice	Chapter 15
	W 12/04	Juvenile Justice	Chapter 15
16	M 12/09	Review for Exam #3	
17	F 12/13	EXAM #3 (CHAPTERS 10-15) 6:30pm-8:30pm	