CCJS 451: Crime & Delinquency Prevention
Biology Psychology Building, Room 1250 TR: 3:30-4:45

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Include CCJS 451 in the subject line and sign your name on ALL emails if not sending via ELMS
Office Hours: 1:00—3:00PM on Monday & Wednesday or by appointment

Texts:
3. Additional readings as assigned. Please consult blackboard/ELMS (see below) for these postings.

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to the theory informing crime prevention. Additionally, the effectiveness of the criminal justice responses, as seen through the institutions charged with reducing criminal behavior, will be detailed. The institutions are both informal (family and community) as well as formal (police and corrections).

Blackboard technology will be used throughout the course to make announcements, post grades and documents. Please make certain that you have access to this course through ELMS (http://myelms.umd.edu) and that the email listing you have attached to this account is active and routinely monitored.

Course Policies:

Attendance: You are expected to attend all lectures. Exams and quizzes will cover reading and in-class discussions. Therefore, missing multiple classes will likely adversely affect your final grade. Earning top marks in the course will require a mastery of both the content read and lecture material; they are not one and the same. I will NOT be sharing the notes for lectures and discussions you have missed. I encourage you to appeal to others enrolled in the course for these materials in the event you cannot be present.

Classroom Behavior: You are expected to extend professional courtesy to your fellow student, the TAs, and myself. Being disruptive includes, but is not limited to, repeatedly coming late to class or leaving the classroom without authorization, making conversation or distracting noises, sleeping, speaking without being called upon and badgering the lecturer. Laptop use is encouraged, provided that its use does not present a distraction to others. In the event I discover you are using your laptop for any other purpose than taking
notes I may revoke your right to use it for the remainder of the term. The use of cell phones is prohibited. If your presence is deemed a distraction to the progression of the lecture I will ask you to leave.

**Missed Exams & Quizzes:** No late work is accepted. Make-up grades will be offered only under the following limited number of circumstances: a medical problem (self or dependant), a death in the immediate family, a religious holiday (see below), or participation in university activities at the request of university authorities, and other compelling circumstances beyond the student’s control. **Prior notification is required in all instances for excused absences for major scheduled graded events listed in bold under the Course Calendar heading below as well as unannounced quizzes.** Additionally, documentation including an obituary/death notice, an official health center excused absence form, or hospital records must be provided. Make-up work must be completed within one week of its original due date. All necessary arrangements must be made with me via email. Preserving this agreement in writing ensures there is no discrepancy at some later point. I reserve the right to alter the content of the assignment, including making the make-up exam a short answer or essay format.

**Addendum on Medical Absences:** The three exams and final are considered to be major scheduled graded events (noted in bold under the course calendar section below) and therefore the new university medical excuse policy (http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/docs/V-100G.pdf) which allows one student signed honor statement attesting to illness does NOT apply to them. The signed honor statement, however, can be applied to the unannounced quizzes but only in the event you have provided written notice, either hardcopy or email, to me prior class that you are going to be absent. In the event you become chronically absent, missing more than two consecutive weeks of class, due to the same persistent illness this must be verified by a health professional in writing and be brought to my attention in writing. Any absences from major scheduled graded events will be counted as zeroes in the event you have failed to inform me of these developments within one week of the grades for the remainder of the class being posted on blackboard. Please refer to the link above in locating the items that must be included in both the signed honor statement and chronic absence verification.

**Grade Disputes:** If you have questions or concerns about your grade(s) and believe that I should review them, you must submit a written request via email that describes your concern in detail. This request must be submitted within one week of the day that grades for the relevant assignment are disseminated.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Any suspected violations will be reported to the Honor Council. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, fabrication of information used in assignments, plagiarism, and knowingly facilitating the academic dishonesty of another. For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Honor Council, please visit the following website: www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html.
**Religious Observance:** If you have a request for an alternate time to sit for an exam, quiz, or in-class writing assignment listed on the syllabus due to religious observance reasons, you must submit this request to me in writing (email) with the specific details by Friday, September 13th.

**Students with Disabilities:** I will make all necessary accommodations for students who are registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office and who provide me with a University of Maryland DSS Accommodation form. This form must be presented to me by Wednesday, February 8th. 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 after this date. DSS students who are requesting to take their exams at the DSS Center need to provide me with a testing form for each exam that must be turned in to me no later than one week prior to each exam. The student is expected to take the exam at the same time as the rest of the class.

**Athletes:** Official athletic schedules must be submitted to me by Friday, September 13th. Practices do not count as an excused absence; in cases of an excused absence (e.g., a game. Athletes who major scheduled graded events due to games or other commitments, yet never submitted an official athletic schedule by the date listed above, and never spoke with me will receive a grade of zero for the missed event.

**Course Evaluation:** Your feedback about this course is very important to me and therefore we will do several forms of evaluation throughout this semester. One way is to fill out the online evaluation at the end of the semester. CourseEvalUM will be open for students to complete their evaluations for Fall 2013 courses on Tuesday, December 3rd. Students can go directly to the website (www.courseevalum.umd.edu) to complete their evaluations. Students who complete evaluations for all of their courses in the previous semester (excluding summer), can access the posted results via Testudo's CourseEvalUM Reporting link for any course on campus that has at least a 70% response rate.

**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, we will follow university rules for rescheduling.

**Quizzes:** There will be five *unannounced* quizzes during the semester. The primary purpose of these quizzes is to assess whether you are keeping up-to-date with weekly reading assignments and gauge the depth of your understanding of the content covered in the course. The quizzes will be worth 10 points each. Only the four highest quiz scores will count toward the final grade. The additional points earned on the 5th quiz will serve as extra credit in the final tally of the semester grade. **This is the ONLY extra credit that will be offered during the semester.**
**Grade Weighting**
Quiz total: 25%
Test 1: 15%
Test 2: 15%
Test 3: 15%
Final Exam (Cumulative): 30%  (*all tests will be multiple choice*)

**Grade Scale:**

- A+ (97-100%)
- A (94-96%)
- A- (90-93%)
- B+ (87-89%)
- B (84-86%)
- B- (80-83%)
- C+ (77-79%)
- C (74-76%)
- C- (70-73%)
- D+ (67-69%)
- D (64-66%)
- D- (60-63%)
- F (59% and below)

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**Course Calendar**

**Week 1** (September 3 & 5)
Course introduction
Felson & Boba Chapters 1, 2 & 3

**Week 2** (Sept. 10 & 12) The Decision to Commit Crime
Felson & Boba Chapters 1, 2 & 3 cont’d
Felson & Boba 4 & 5

**Week 3** (Sept. 17 & 19)
Felson & Boba 4 & 5 cont’d
Felson & Boba 6 & 8

**Week 4** (Sept. 24 & 26)
Felson & Boba 6 & 8 cont’d
**Test 1 on Thursday**

**Week 5** (October 1 & 3)
Deterrence—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 14
Community Context—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 8

**Week 6** (Oct. 8 & 10)
Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 8 cont’d
Families—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 5

**Week 7** (Oct. 15 & 17)
Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 5 cont’d
Labor Markets—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 7

**Week 8** (Oct. 22 & 24)
Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 7 cont’d
Street Gangs—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 6
Week 9: (Oct. 19 & 31)
**Test 2 on Tuesday**
Wright chapter on goal conflicts within the criminal justice system (see blackboard)

Week 10: (November 5 & 7)
Jack Green from *Criminal Justice 2000* (see ELMS)

Week 11: (Nov. 12 & 14)
Sentencing—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 16
Rehabilitation: Problems and Prospects—Cullen & Gendreau (see ELMS)

Week 12: (Nov. 19 & 21)
ASC Meetings—CLASSES CANCELLED

Week 13: (Nov. 26 & 28)
Rehabilitation: Problems and Prospects—Cullen & Gendreau (see ELMS)
Thanksgiving—CLASS CANCELLED

Week 14: (December 3 & 5)
**Test 3 on Tuesday**
Juvenile Justice—Wilson & Petersilia Chapter 4

Week 15: (December 10 & 12) Environmental Design & White Collar Crime
Felson & Boba Chapters 9 through 11
Felson & Boba Chapter 7

**Final Exam Date: Saturday, December 21st 10:30AM—12:30PM.**

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