University of Maryland, College Park  
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice  

CCJS498G: GANGS  
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Section 0101  
Tues/Thurs 11:00am – 12:15pm  
LEF 2208  

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COURSE DESCRIPTION  
This course examines the gang problem in the United States. It explores the nature of youth gangs, including issues with defining gangs, types of gangs, female gang involvement, and gang members’ involvement in drugs, violence, and other crimes. It also examines the theory and methods of understanding gangs, social intervention and law enforcement strategies, and policy issues related to gangs.  

This class will be a combination of lecture and discussion. You can expect to take substantial notes on lecture-only days and participate in more classroom activities on discussion days.  

COURSE PREREQUISITE  
CCJS100 and CCJS105  

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK  

COURSE WEBSITE  
This class utilizes ELMS (Canvas) for distribution of important course information. To access ELMS, go to [http://elms.umd.edu](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 301-405-1500. You must be registered for the class to access the course website. The syllabus, extra reading material, class announcements, assignments, and grades will be posted on ELMS. You are strongly encouraged to access ELMS on a regular basis as you are responsible for knowing the material posted on the website. Please also monitor and use the UMD email account associated with ELMS to communicate with me.
COURSE GRADING
Midterm Exam: 20%
Final Exam: 25%
Group Project: 20%
Journal Assignments: 15%
Quizzes: 10%
Participation: 10%

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
Exams will be multiple-choice with some true/false questions and will feature content from the assigned readings, weekly lectures, class discussions, and any other class activity (guest speakers, videos, student presentations). Exams will be completed without the use of notes, texts, computers, or additional aids. Exams will be non-cumulative and will not be curved in the course. You will need a #2 pencil and UID on exam days.

*Please note that if you arrive for an exam after the first person has completed and exited the classroom, you may not sit for the exam.

GROUP PROJECT
Groups of 4-5 students will be assigned to research and present on a specific gang in the U.S. The project will be 8-10 pages and should include information on the origin and history of the gang, characteristics of the gang, recent cases involving the gang, and intervention strategies aimed at the gang. You must also relate concepts learned in class to the selected gang. Each student in the group must participate in the research process and presentation. Detailed instructions for the project will be provided including various due dates for each section. The final draft of the project will be due on April 27, 2017.

JOURNAL ASSIGNMENTS
Students will be required to complete several journal assignments throughout the semester. Journal topics will be determined at the discretion of the instructor. Topics will be related to the course material and may originate from current events, classroom discussions, videos, etc. Detailed instructions for journal assignments will be provided.

QUIZZES
Several announced quizzes will be given throughout the semester on the weekly readings in class. These quizzes will help you review the course material and prepare for the midterm and final exam. There are no makeups for quizzes, except in the cases of excused absences.

GRADE DISPUTES
If you have questions or concerns about your 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.
COURSE RELATED POLICIES
The University of Maryland expects each student to take full responsibility for their academic work and academic progress. As a student, you have the responsibility to be familiar with and uphold the Code of Academic Integrity and the Code of Conduct, as well as for notifying your course instructors in a timely fashion regarding academic accommodations related to absences and accessibility. University policies outlined in the link below are particularly relevant to your experience in academic courses. Additionally, please review the policies specific to this course: http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
The University of Maryland has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity which sets standards for academic integrity for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student you are responsible for upholding these standards in your courses. It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism. In this course, academic dishonesty of any form will not be tolerated.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT
As a department and university, we expect the faculty and students to be prepared for class, to be actively engaged in classroom activities, and to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct. Students are expected to treat others with respect, as well as refrain from disruptive behaviors such as leaving the classroom repeatedly, making loud and distracting noises, eating, reading outside material, sleeping, side conversations, text messaging and using prohibited technological devices. Also, please note that cell phones are to be turned off or placed on silent 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 who do not adhere to these policies will be subject to referral to the Office of Student Conduct or to Campus Police.

DISABILITY SUPPORT
Students who are registered with the Disability Support Service (DSS)/Accessibility and Disability Service (ADS) Office and who provide me with required DSS/ADS documentation will be accommodated in the classroom. After receiving an Accommodations Letter from DSS/ADS, you are expected to meet with each course instructor, in person, to provide them with a copy of the Accommodations Letter and to obtain their signature on the Acknowledgement of Student Request form. The Accommodations Letter must be presented to me no later than February 13, 2017. DSS/ADS students who are requesting to take their exams at the DSS/ADS Testing Office need to provide me with a testing form online at least three business days prior to each exam. Saturday and Sunday are not business days. The student is expected to take the exam at the same time as the rest of the class.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES & ATHLETES
If you are unable to attend class or take an exam due to a religious observance or athletic obligation, you will need to discuss this with me and submit the necessary documentation to excuse your absence by February 13, 2017. Failure to notify me by this date will result in the grade of a zero for the missed exam/assignment.
MAKUP POLICY
No late assignments will be accepted in the course except in cases of excused absences. **Assignments turned in more than 5 minutes late will not be accepted.** Assignments may not be submitted via email without prior permission.

Makeup exams and assignments will only be given in cases of excused absences. Excused absences include: religious observances, mandatory military obligation, illness of the student or illness of an immediate family member, required participation in university activities, death in the immediate family, and required court appearances.

The student must notify the instructor prior to missing an exam or assignment in order for a makeup to be scheduled. If you know in advance that you will absent for an exam or assignment due date with an approved absence, you will be expected to take the exam or turn in the assignment prior to the exam/assignment due date. Failure to adhere to these policies will result in a grade of zero for the exam/assignment. All makeup exams and assignments must be completed within one week of the missed exam/assignment.

Official documentation is always required. Students may, one time per course per semester, provide a self-signed excuse as documentation of an absence from a single class that does not coincide with a major assessment or assignment due date. For all other medically necessitated absences, students must provide documentation from a physician or the University Health Center, upon request of the course instructor.

If you miss a lecture, it is your responsibility to obtain lecture notes from a classmate as lecture notes will not be posted or shared regardless of circumstances. In order to succeed in this course, you will need to attend classes regularly to ensure you obtain and understand the course material covered each week.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY
All technological devices are prohibited in this class including: laptops, MP3 devices, smartphones, phones, calculators, gaming devices, etc. If these devices are seen and/or used during the class, you will be asked to leave class immediately. The only exception to the use of technology policy is if a student has required documented accommodations through DSS and has provided me with this information by **February 13, 2017**.

COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
Class lectures and other course materials are copyrighted and may not be reproduced for anything other than your personal use in this course without the permission of the course instructor. Course materials are the property of the course instructor – do not sell them, do not post them on a website. Be aware that copyright infringements may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.
**Class Schedule & Reading Assignments** (Subject to change)
Reading assignments are to be completed prior to the date on the schedule.

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**FINAL EXAM ON SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 8:00 – 10:00AM LEF 2208**