

**Rutgers University—New Brunswick**  
**Program in Criminal Justice – 01:202:201:04 – Introduction to Criminal Justice**  
**Fall 2013**

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Course Hours: Tuesday and Thursday (6:40pm-8:00 pm)  
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**Course Overview**

This core course is an introductory survey of the various components and the procedures employed in the American criminal justice system. Course material is primarily drawn from the disciplines of sociology, political science, and law, but all of the social sciences contribute to the content of the course.

This course is intended to provide students with knowledge of the relationships between different sectors of the criminal justice system - the police, legal system, and corrections.

**Essential Learning Objectives**

- Learn fundamental principles and generalizations about the different components of the criminal justice system and their relationships to one another;
- Gain a broader knowledge and appreciation of the criminal justice system;
- Develop a clearer understanding of issues with the criminal justice system and begin considering solutions to issues professionals in the criminal justice system face every day.

**Readings and Required Materials**

- Bohm, Robert and Keith N. Haley. 2011. *Introduction to Criminal Justice*. Seventh Edition. McGraw Hill. New York, New York.

**Course Grading**

Grades will be determined accordingly:

Pop Reading Tests (4@ 5 points each)	20 points
Exams (2 @ 40 points each)	80 points

**Grading:** All grades will be based on a points system. Each grade will be given in total points earned. The points each student earns on the course requirements will be added at the end of the semester and the following grades will be assigned based on points earned.

A	100-90	B	85-80	C	75-70	F	≤59
B+	89-86	C+	79-76	D	69-60		

**Incompletes – The instructor will not give incompletes.** All work must be handed in on specific due dates. The final exam plus all work completed by December 10 will be considered when calculating the final grade. Any questions regarding grades must be submitted in writing to the instructor within one week of receiving the grade.

**Course Requirements**

- 1) **Attendance/Participation** – The course will require that all students attend each face-to-face class and participate in class – **attendance is mandatory**. The majority of students will not be able to function effectively in the course if they do not attend class and complete homework and exams. Failure to participate will result in a lower final grade. Participation in the class will help you and others get a better grasp on the material.

Missing Class – It is expected that students attend all classes. However, if you need to miss one class, it is your responsibility to get notes/missed work from a classmate BEFORE the next class. It is expected that each student will be fully prepared for each class. If you do need to miss one class, please complete the University absence reporting website:

<http://sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/academics/courses/registration-and-course-policies/attendance-and-cancellation-of-class>

THIS, HOWEVER, WILL NOT EXCUSE YOUR ABSENCE

Snow Days – When classes are cancelled due to snow or inclement weather, please check:

The Rutgers Website <http://www.rutgers.edu>

and the New Brunswick Campus Website <http://nb.rutgers.edu>

with links to the "Campus Status Page" which is posted when adverse weather conditions are present or expected on campus and will generally include information on office closings, class cancellations, bus schedules, as well as the operational hours for dining halls and recreation/student centers.

- 2) **Course Readings:** Readings are assigned for Tuesday and Thursdays of each week. Pop reading quizzes will be given to ensure that students are keeping up with the reading material. ALL QUIZZES ARE MULTIPLE CHOICE! NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN!!!!!!
- 3) **Exams and Quizzes:** There will be two exams. Each test will be based on a section of the course material. This means that the tests *are not cumulative*; however, you will need to know some of the material in the beginning of the course in order to understand the material in subsequent parts. BE AWARE THAT ALTHOUGH EXAMS ARE NOT PREDOMINATELY CUMULATIVE, YOU MAY BE ASKED QUESTIONS FROM PRIOR EXAMS. **Class policy:** No student may start the test after the first student has finished the test and left the room.

**Cell Phones, Pagers, Etc. – No electronic devices can ring or be used during a test. All devices should be turned to silent or off (not vibrate) and put away from the desk. Any person with an electronic device that sounds or is handled during a test will receive a zero. On non-test days I ask that you do not answer phone calls/write or receive texts so that you can fully participate in class.**

### Course Policies

Academic Honesty – **Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in any shape or form.** Each student is responsible for understanding the concept of academic dishonesty and will face consequences if s/he takes part in **any form** of academic dishonesty in this class. A student who commits academic dishonesty will receive a zero on the assignment or test and be reported to

Current Academic Integrity Policy: Academic dishonesty is further elaborated upon in the student handbook and at the college website at: [http://www.academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/files/documents/AI\\_Policy\\_9\\_01\\_2011.pdf](http://www.academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/files/documents/AI_Policy_9_01_2011.pdf)

This is the official academic integrity policy enforced by the college and will be strictly upheld in this class. **DO NOT BORROW, STEAL or LOOK at another student's HOMEWORK or TEST. This is plagiarism and you will receive a zero for the work.**

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – Students with disabilities who seek accommodations should make their request by contacting <http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/>

**Course Schedule - Schedule is subject to modification based on the progress of class.**

**I. Introduction to Criminal Justice**

**Week One:**

T Sep 3: Presentation of Syllabus and Course Requirements

Th Sep 5: Chapter 1

Sakai – Durkheim and Capote

**Week Two:**

T Sep 10: Chapter 2

Th Sep 12: Chapter 2 – Crime Statistics

**Week Three:**

T Sep 17: Chapter 3 – Introduction to Criminological Theory

Th Sep 19: Chapter 3 – Sociological Theories – Social Disorganization/Strain/Cultural Transmission

**Week Four:**

T Sep 24: Chapter 3 – Learning Theory and Marxist Theories

Th Sep 26: Chapter 4

**Week Five:**

T Oct 1: Chapter 5

Th Oct 3: Chapter 5

**Week Six:**

T Oct 8: Chapter 6

Th Oct 10: Chapter 6

**Week Seven:**

T Oct 15: Chapter 7

Th Oct 17: MIDTERM EXAM

**Week Eight**

T Oct 22: Chapter 7

Th Oct 24: Chapter 8

**Week Nine**

T Oct 29: Chapter 8

Th Oct 31: Chapter 9

**Week 10**

T Nov 5: Chapter 9

Th Nov 7: Chapter 10

**Week 11**

T Nov 12: Chapter 10

Th Nov 14: Chapter 11

**Week 12**

T Nov 19: Chapter 11

Th Nov 21: NO CLASS DUE TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

**Week 13**

T Nov 26: Chapter 12

Th Nov 28: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!! NO CLASS GO EAT TURKEY!!!

**Week 14**

T Dec 3: Chapter 12

Th Dec 5: Chapter 13

**Week 15**

T Dec 10: Chapter 14

**FINAL EXAM:** <https://finalexams.rutgers.edu/>