

Introduction to Criminal Justice

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Tuesday/Friday 9:50-11:10 am

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Course goals

The student will be able to identify and critically assess ethical issues in social science and history.

The student will be able to apply concepts about human and social behavior to particular questions or situations.

The goal of this course is to provide the student with an overall understanding of the criminal justice system.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the criminal justice system in the United States. It includes the study of crime and the elements that comprise the criminal justice system: the police, the courts and corrections.

Required Text

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction

Author: Frank Schmalleger 11th Edition

Publisher: Pearson

Attendance and Participation

Students are expected to attend and actively participate in classroom instruction. Students must be punctual. An active exchange between the instructor and students will make for an interesting classroom environment. In order to receive credit for class participation, the student must accurately demonstrate an understanding of the assigned reading.

Civility in the Classroom

Rutgers University is committed to the highest standards of academic and ethical integrity, acknowledging that respect for self and others is the foundation of educational excellence. The respect for the opinions of others is very important in an academic environment. Although it is likely that not every student will have the same opinion on the topics discussed in class courteous behavior and responses are expected. Therefore, any acts of harassment and/or discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion and/or ability are not acceptable.

Grading Policy

The following factors will be taken into consideration in the determination of the student's final grade: Midterm Examination, Final Examination, Homework assignments, Class Participation and Attendance.

Evaluation of Student Performance

Midterm: 45%

Final: 45%

Homework: 10%

Total: 100%

Final Grades

90-100% **A**

87-89% **B+**

80-86% **B**

77-79% **C+**

70-76% **C**

60-69% **D**

00-59% **F**

Academic Dishonesty

Rutgers University has a well defined academic integrity policy, which will be strictly enforced in this class. All students in this class should review and be familiar with the policy of the university, which can be found at: <http://TeachX.rutgers.edu/integrity/policy.html>

Mid-Term Examination

To be determined

Final Examination

As per college: <http://finalexams.rutgers.edu/>

Reading Material for Semester

Chapter 1: What Is The Criminal Justice?

Chapter 2: The Crime Picture

Chapter 3: Criminal Law

Chapter 4: Policing: Purpose & Organization

Chapter 5: Policing: Legal Aspects

Chapter 6: Policing: Issues & Challenges

Chapter 7: The Courts

Chapter 8: The Courtroom Work Group & the Criminal Trial

Chapter 9: Sentencing

Chapter 10: Probation, Parole, & Community Corrections

Chapter 11: Prisons & Jails

Chapter 12: Prison Life

**Every attempt will be made to cover the above-noted material and schedule within the time constraints of this course. This schedule may vary in order to allow sufficient time for class discussion and complexity of the material.*

Student-Wellness Services:

Just In Case Web App

<http://codu.co/cee05e>

Access helpful mental health information and resources for yourself or a friend in a mental health crisis on your smartphone or tablet and easily contact CAPS or RUPD.

Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)

[\(848\) 932-7884](tel:8489327884) / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901/ rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

CAPS is a University mental health support service that includes counseling, alcohol and other drug assistance, and psychiatric services staffed by a team of professional within Rutgers Health services to support students' efforts to succeed at Rutgers University. CAPS offers a variety of services that include: individual therapy, group therapy and workshops, crisis intervention, referral to specialists in the community and consultation and collaboration with campus partners.

Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / vpva.rutgers.edu/

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides confidential crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual and relationship violence and stalking to students, staff and faculty. To reach staff during office hours when the university is open or to reach an advocate after hours, call [848-932-1181](tel:848-932-1181).

Disability Services

(848) 445-6800 / Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston Campus, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854 / <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>

The Office of Disability Services works with students with a documented disability to determine the eligibility of reasonable accommodations, facilitates and coordinates those accommodations when applicable, and lastly engages with the Rutgers community at large to provide and connect students to appropriate resources.

Scarlet Listeners

(732) 247-5555 / <http://www.scarletlisteners.com/>

Free and confidential peer counseling and referral hotline, providing a comforting and supportive safe space.