

Introduction to Criminal Justice

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Tues/Friday 9:50-11:10 am

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Course goals

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

CJ: Realities and Challenges

Authors: Ruth Masters 2nd Edition

Publisher: McGraw Hill

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.

No Children in the Classroom

In order to adhere to an adult learning environment, as well as to maintain the safety of children, there will be no children will be allowed in this class.

Grading Policy

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

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 System?

Chapter 2: Types of Crime

Chapter 3: Causes of Crime

Chapter 4: Criminal Law & Defenses

Chapter 5: Overview of Policing

Chapter 6: Policing Operations

Chapter 7: Legal & Special Issues in Policing

Chapter 8: The Courts

Chapter 9: Pretrial & Trial

Chapter 10: Sentencing

*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.