

**Managing Probation**  
Fall 2012

Department 202  
Course Number 388  
Section 80  
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**Textbook:** Probation and Parole: Theory and Practice by Howard Abadinsky, eleventh Edition

**Course Description:**

Most offenders serve their sentences in the community, and even those who are incarcerated eventually return to the community, often on a form of probation. This course is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive overview of the study of Probation. Major emphasis will be placed on the components of probation, the offenders involved and the significance of intermediate punishments or sanctions to probation and the criminal justice system. An example is when to file a Violation of Probation, the possible alternatives before reaching this stage. Among the lecture topics to be discussed are Adult Supervision Unit, juvenile supervision, criminal and child support; in addition specialized case loads will be a focus, Drug Court, Domestic Violence, and Sex offenders. Also, emphasis will be placed on the styles of supervision, goals and objectives of probation, the management of officers, current issues, and challenges and trends.

**Course Objectives:**

The overall goal of this course is to provide the student with the expertise he or she needs to critically analyze the issues, challenges and trends as they exist in Probation today. After successful completion of the course, the student should:

- (A) be able to clearly distinguish each division within probation
- (B) be able to significantly appreciate the value of intermediate punishments or sanctions as correctional alternatives
- (C) have an accurate, detailed, understanding of the management of Probation Officer's including management approach
- (D) appreciate and understand the value of a variety of supervision styles between the Probation Officer and the offender
- (E) understand the impact of current issues, challenges and trends have on probation

**Final Assessment of Grades will be as follows:**

Mid-Term Paper 40%

Final Examination 40%

Class Participation 20%

**Class Participation** is weighted in this course because discussions aid in the student's ability to understand the impact of probation in our society. Also, an interactive approach aids in the student's learning and creates an environment where an exchange of ideas is valued.

Included in the class participation grade is an oral presentation of one chapter from the textbook. You will be assigned a specific chapter to present to the class. The oral presentation needs to be accompanied by a typed hand-out, which provides an in-depth review of the chapter's major themes and content. This outline will enhance your presentation and be part of your grade.

For your **mid-term research paper**, you will select a current challenge or trend in probation. Your paper should include an introduction/history of the challenge or trend, its current and future implications, and your opinion about the challenge or trend. Further discussion of the mid-term paper will occur later in the semester.

**Cheating and Plagiarism**  
Don't cheat. Don't plagiarize.

**Overview of Class Schedule, which is subject to change depending on the progress of the class:**

Class 1: September 10, 2012

Discussion of course syllabus; students' introduction; Overview of Chapter 1:  
Probation in Criminal Justice

Class 2: September 17, 2012

Chapter 2: Probation History and Administration; New Jersey standard of condition  
for probation; class presentation

Class 3: September 24, 2012

Chapter 3: Sentencing and the Presentence Investigation; related hand-outs; class presentation

Class 4: October 1, 2012

Chapter 4: The Probation Officer and Juvenile Justice; class presentation

Class 5: October 8, 2012

Chapter 5: The American Prison System; alternatives to state prison; Class presentation

Class 6: October 15, 2012

Specialized case loads; Interstate Transfers via ICOTS; CEP; Community service; fines collected; Intake; early terminations; Violations of Probation; class presentations

Class 7: October 22, 2102

Chapter 8: Rehabilitation and Supervision in Probation and Parole; class presentations

Class 8: October 29, 2012

Chapter 9: Probation and Parole Officers; class presentations

Class 9: November 5, 2012

Chapter 10: Probation and Parole Supervision; midterm paper due  
Class presentation

Class 10: November 12, 2012

Management within probation unit; vicinage chief to supervisors; management styles used; hand outs will be supplied, class presentation

Class 11: November 19, 2012

Chapter 11: Special Problems and Programs in Probation and Parole; class presentation

Class 12: November 26, 2012

Chapter 12: Intermediate punishments; class presentation

Class 13: December 3, 2012

Using the book Silos, politics and Turf wars Patrick Lencioni we will be discussing what creates a good leader and manager

Class 14: December 10, 2012

Last day of class; review; guest speaker

FINAL EXAM: December 17, 2012 6:00-8:40PM