

CJ120 Introduction to Criminal Justice

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Course Information

Criminal Justice 120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
Room 209
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisite: None
Monday 5:30 - 7:50 p.m.

Syllabus Date

August, 2012

Required Text

Fagin (2011)
CJ 2010: (1st Edition)
Pearson

Course Description

A survey of the criminal justice system and prerequisite for all criminal justice courses; examines the criminal justice process, including police, courts, and corrections; familiarizes students with theories of crime; highlights contemporary issues and places special emphasis on tribal criminal justice.

Rationale

This course is designed to give a basic overview of the criminal justice system, and introduce the various employment opportunities available to criminal justice professionals.

**Course Goals/
Assessment**

- * Understand the importance and relevance of the criminal justice system to society as a means of social control.
- * Understand the basic terminology of the criminal justice system.
- * Be able to define the stages of the criminal justice process.
- * Identify the major components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.
- * Become aware of the various criminological theories and how they relate to the criminal justice system.

Materials of Instruction

Fagin (2011)
CJ 2010: (1st Edition)
Pearson

You may obtain a copy of the required text at the campus bookstore.

Requirements

Examinations: **Three** examinations will be given. Examinations will give the student the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of the Criminal Justice System, and will count for 60% of the total grade.

Assignments: Critical thinking assignments will be given and will comprise 30% of the total grade.

Attendance and Participation: Students are expected to attend class every week (unless class is cancelled) and participate in in-class discussions, and group work. Participation will make up 10% of the total grade.

Extra Credit: Extra credit opportunities will be offered throughout the semester, and will be posted on the course main page.

Grading

600 Total Points: 300 points - Examinations; 220 points - Assignments; 80 points - Participation/Attendance
90 - 100% = A (540 - 600 points)
80 - 89% = B (480 - 539 points)
70 - 79% = C (420 - 479 points)
60 - 69% = D (360 - 419 points)
Below 60% = F (0 - 359 points)

Method of Instruction

Course objectives will be achieved through lecture and self-directed instruction. Course assignments will be submitted online. Students will utilize the internet to obtain lectures and assignments, submit required coursework, and interact with the instructor.

Attendance

See "Requirements" section of syllabus.

Class Procedures

Assignments/Tests: Assignments must be handed in by the due date in order to receive credit. Only in very extenuating circumstances will an assignment be accepted after the due date. All late assignments must be approved by the instructor prior to handing in. **Make up exams, regardless of circumstances, will be essay exams.**

Absences: An absence from class, whether it is excused or not, is still an absence and will be submitted to student services.

Contacting the Instructor Outside of Class: If for some reason you need to contact the instructor outside of class, you may email tmorin@tm.edu, or call 701-477-2031. Please do not call after 9:00 p.m. If you are attending class regularly, you should not need to contact me outside of class. Missing class and then frantically trying to contact me before a deadline, or after an exam is not acceptable behavior.

If students require specialized instructions or classroom modifications, they must inform the instructor during the 1st weekday of class.

Disability/Access Statement

If you have emergency medical information to share with me, if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, or if you need accommodations in this course because of a disability, please make an appointment with me. My office location is Room 210S. My office hours are by appointment. If you plan to request disability accommodations, you are expected to register with Harmony Lindgren, Counselor (RM FA 103) (701)-477-7947.

Tentative Class Schedule*	<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings/Exams/Due Dates</u>
Week 1	20-Aug	Syllabus Review Pre-Test
Week 2	27-Aug	Chapters 1 & 2 Assignment Chapters 1 & 2
Week 3	3-Sep	Holiday - No Class
Week 4	10-Sep	Chapter 3 Assignment Chapter 3
Week 5	17-Sep	Chapter 4 Assignment Chapter 4 Review Chapters 1-4
Week 6	24-Sep	EXAM 1
Week 7	1-Oct	Chapters 5 & 6 Assignment Chapters 5 & 6
Week 8	8-Oct	Holiday - No Class Chapter 7 Chapter 7 Assignment
Week 9	15-Oct	Chapters 8 & 9 Assignment Chapters 8 & 9
Week 10	22-Oct	Chapter 10 Chapter 10 Assignment Review Chapters 5-10

Week 11	29-Oct	EXAM 2
Week 12	5-Nov	Guest Speaker
Week 13	12-Nov	
		Holiday - No Class
Week 14	19-Nov	Chapter 11 Chapters 12 & 13 Assignment Chapters 12 & 13
Week 15	26-Nov	Post-Test Review of Chapters 11-13
Week 16	3-Dec	Exam 3

*** I reserve the right to make changes with notice.**

Cultural Methods

Materials relevant to the Turtle Mountain Community and culture will be introduced whenever possible. Discussions and critical thinking assignments will encourage students to examine current Indian Country Criminal Justice issues.

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to maintain academic honesty. Plagiarism, cheating on a test, and collusion are all examples of academic dishonesty. An "F" will be given to any student who commits academic dishonesty. In addition, the Dean of Academic Programs will be advised of the student(s) actions. A student has the right to appeal the instructor's action in accordance with the student appeal policy.

Communication

Electronic communication between student and instructor will be conducted via TMCC email. All students have a tm.edu email address. This will be the only email communication method accepted during the course. You will receive email messages from the instructor at your tm.edu email address, and should check it regularly to avoid missed communication. If you are not aware of your tm.edu email address, please visit the IT office, or student services to obtain it.