

CRJS 1500 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

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Course Description

1500. Introduction to Criminal Justice. Overview of the American criminal justice process with emphasis on its constituent foundations, its constitutional limits, and the rights of the individual from arrest through sentencing and release. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	introduction to Criminal Justice (14th edition)	Schmallegger	9780138105358

This textbook is available through Blackboard as part of the First Day program.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1	Unit I: Overview of the Criminal Justice System	Chapter 1 (8/30)
8/31	Chapter 2	Unit I: Definitions and Frequencies of Crimes	Chapter 2 quiz (9/1)
9/7	Chapter 3	Unit I: Causes of Crime	Chapter 3 quiz (9/8)
9/14	Chapter 4	Unit I: Criminal Law	Chapter 4 quiz (9/15)
9/21	Chapter 5	Unit II: History and Structure of Policing	Chapter 5 quiz (9/22) Unit I Exam (9/24)
9/28	Chapter 6	Unit II: Purpose and Organization of Policing	Chapter 6 quiz (9/29)
10/5	Chapter 7	Unit II: Legal Aspects of Policing	Chapter 7 quiz (10/6)
10/12	Chapter 8	Unit II: Issues in Policing	Chapter 8 quiz (10/13)
10/19	Chapter 9	Unit II: Introduction to Courts	Chapter 9 quiz (10/20)
10/26	Chapter 10 Chapter 11	Unit II: Judicial Process	Chapter 10 quiz (10/27) Chapter 11 quiz (10/29)
11/2	Chapter 12	Unit III: Introduction to Corrections	Chapter 12 quiz (11/3) Unit II exam (11/5)
11/9	Chapter 13	Unit III: Punishing Offenders	Chapter 13 quiz (11/10)

11/16	Chapter 14 Chapter 15	Unit III: Issues in Corrections Unit III: Juvenile Justice	Chapter 14 (11/17) Chapter 15 (11/19)
11/23	Chapter 16	Unit III: Drugs and Crime	Chapter 16 quiz (11/24)
11/30		Final Review	Unit III Exam (12/1)
12/7		Finals Week	Final Exam (12/10, 8-10 a.m.)

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