

CRJS 6990 - Criminal Justice Public Policy Seminar

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Course Description

6990. Criminal Justice Public Policy Seminar. Types of policy and how policies are formulated are covered. The evaluation of policy, with attention to what constitutes good public policy. Special attention is given to the impact of crime control policies, particularly crime legislation and current laws. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Flawed Criminal Justice Policies: At the Intersection of the Media, Public Fear & Legislative Response (2026) Third Edition	Frances P. Reddington & Gene Bonham Jr.	9781531032494

Read Chapter 1: Criminal Justice Policy: At the Intersection of the Media, Public Fear and Legislative Response

Read Chapter 2: Police and the Use of Force: Dilemmas in Policymaking

Read Chapter 3: Beyond the Barricade: Discussion as De-escalation

Read Chapter 4: The History of Immigration Law, Police Enforcement, and Political Fervor: A Back-and-Forth Struggle

Read Chapter 5: Rule Regarding Prosecutors' Duty to Disclose Favorable Evidence to the Defenses

Read Chapter 6: Plea Bargaining a Flawed Necessity

Read Chapter 7: Digital Justice: The Judiciary's Evolving Role in Online Sex Trafficking Cases

Read Chapter 8: Solitary Confinement

Read Chapter 9: The Death Penalty, Ultimate Punishment or Failed Public Policy

Read Chapter 10: Prison and Jail Visitation Policies "Who are you really punishing?" Fifty years of Flawed Correctional Visitation Policies and Practices

Read Chapter 11: Pregnancy and Mothering Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Mothers

Read Chapter 12: Second Chances Denied? The Hidden Challenges of Juvenile Aftercare

Read Chapter 13: Examination of Concealed Carry on College Campuses



Read Chapter 14: Faulty Sex Offense Policies

Read Chapter 15: The Criminal Legal System and the LGBTQ+ Community

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Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
5/11	Read Chapter 1: Criminal Justice Policy: At the Intersection of the Media, Public Fear and Legislative Response Read Chapter 2: Police and the Use of Force: Dilemmas in Policymaking	The role of media framing and public fear in shaping criminal justice policy agendas and legislative responses.	Discussion 1 (due 05/18/2026) Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday of this week Quiz #1 due 05/18/2026
5/18	Read Chapter 3: Beyond the Barricade: Discussion as De-escalation Read Chapter 4: The History of Immigration Law, Police Enforcement, and Political Fervor: A Back-and-Forth Struggle	Political influence on immigration law, enforcement priorities, and bureaucratic implementation.	Discussion # 2: due 05/24/2026 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday of this week Quiz #2 05/24/2026
5/25	Read Chapter 5: Rule Regarding Prosecutors' Duty to Disclose Favorable Evidence to the Defenses Read Chapter 6: Plea Bargaining a Flawed Necessity	Prosecutorial ethics, due process rights, and disclosure requirements.	Discussion # 3: due 06/01/2026 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday of this week Quiz 3: due 06/01/2026
6/1	Read Chapter 7: Digital Justice: The Judiciary's Evolving Role in Online Sex Trafficking Cases Read Chapter 8: Solitary Confinement	Correctional policy, mental health impacts, and constitutional concerns.	Midway Exam: due 06/08/2026 Written Assignment: due 06/08/2026
6/8	Read Chapter 9: The Death Penalty, Ultimate Punishment or Failed Public Policy Read Chapter 10: Prison and Jail Visitation Policies "Who are you really punishing?" Fifty Years of Flawed Correctional Visitation Policies and Practices	Capital punishment policy effectiveness, deterrence, and fairness.	Discussion 4: due 06/15/2026 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday of this week Quiz 5: due June 15, 2026
6/15	Read Chapter 11: Pregnancy and Mothering Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Mothers Read Chapter 12: Second Chances Denied? The Hidden Challenges of Juvenile Aftercare	Gender-responsive correctional policy and maternal incarceration outcomes.	Discussion 5: due 06/22/2026 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday Quiz 6: due 06/22/2026
6/22	Read Chapter 13: Examination of Concealed Carry on College Campuses Read Chapter 14: Faulty Sex Offense Policies Read Chapter 15: The Criminal Legal System and the LGBTQ+ Community	Sex offender registration laws and unintended policy consequences.	Final Exam due 06/28/2026

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