



Spring 2021

CRIM 1  
Introduction to Criminology  
Syllabus

Course Name: CRIM 1

Section Number: 59308

Units: 03

Total Contact hours: 54.00

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Office Hours: By Appointment Only

Class Meeting: M/W/F 9:00-9:50

Location: Kingsburg High School -Band Room

Office Hours: TBA

Students are encouraged to meet with the instructor during office hours. Taking advantage of office hours is an excellent opportunity for students to receive individual assistance, discuss career goals, and benefit from constructive feedback.

**Course Materials:**

Schmallager, Frank, 2015, *Criminal Justice Today*

**Course Description:**

This course introduces students to the history and philosophy of the United States criminal justice system. It also analyzes theories of crime and crime causation in conjunction with how law is developed. Additionally, the course examines sentencing and incarceration processes.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the semester it is expected that the student will:

1. Recognize the major components of the criminal justice system.
2. Describe the differences between Federal and State courts.
3. Identify the major theories which attempt to explain crime causation.
4. Explain the processes by which a criminal case progresses from investigation to appeal.
5. Recognize which Amendments to the United States Constitution have the greatest impact on the criminal justice system.

**Learning Objectives:**

In the process of completing this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the history, development, structure, and function of the American police, courts, and corrections systems.
2. Explain the methods, theories, and concepts associated with the sources of crime data, the emerging patterns of criminal activity, and the costs of crime.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of criminological theories used to explain crime and criminality.
4. Demonstrate the ability to follow appropriate writing styles practiced within the social sciences arena while gathering and organizing the material required for a case brief or other selected written project.
5. Show an understanding of corrections including the roles of probation, parole, and community corrections, as well as the functions of prisons and jails.
6. Convey an understanding of the process of adjudication.
7. Identify and describe special issues in the criminal justice system involving juvenile delinquency.

**Classroom standards:**

- Class participation
- Cell phone use
- Respect for fellow students
- Absenteeism and tardiness
- Save all your work and monitor your grades

**Tentative Schedule:**

	Topic/Unit
 Week 1-	<b>Chapter 1: What is Criminal Justice?</b>
 Week 2-	<b>Chapter 2: The Crime Picture</b>
 Week 3-	<b>Chapter 3: The Search for Causes</b>
 Week 4-	<b>Chapter 4: Criminal Law</b>
 Week 5-	<b>Chapter 5: Policing: History and Structure</b>
 Week 6-	<b>Chapter 6: Police Organization and Management</b>
 Week 7-	<b>Chapter 7: Policing: Legal Aspects</b>
 Week 8-	<b>Chapter 8: Policing: Issues and Challenges</b>
 Week 9-	<b>Chapter 9: The Courts: Structure and Participants</b>
 Week 10-	<b>Chapter 10: Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial</b>

 Week 11-	<b>Chapter 11: Sentencing</b>
 Week 12-	<b>Chapter 12: Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections</b>
 Week 13-	<b>Chapter 13: Prisons and Jails</b>
 Week 14-	<b>Chapter 14: Prison Life</b>
 Week 15-	<b>Chapter 15: Juvenile Justice</b>
 Week 16-	<b>Chapter 16: Drugs and Crime</b>
 Week 17-	<b>Chapter 17: Terrorism and Multinational Criminal Justice</b>
 Week 18-	<b>Chapter 18: The Future of Criminal Justice</b>

**CRIMINOLOGY 1 HOMEWORK SCHEDULE**

**Note: If you copy/paste your answers from the internet you will not receive any credit**

HW	CH	End of Chapter Questions	DUE	PTS
1	1	(1) Name the three components of the CJS and describe their functions. <b>1 PAGE MINIMUM.</b>	TBA	10
2	1-2	(1) Review Questions 1-3 Page 27 & (2) Review Questions 2,4 & 5, Page 61	TBA	10
3	3-4	(3) Review Questions 1,3,5,7 Page 85 & (4) Review Questions 1,2 & 5, Page 109	TBA	10
4	5-6	(5) Review Questions 1,2,4 & 6 Page 135 & (6) Review Questions 2,3,6 & 7 Page 161	TBA	10
5	7-8	(7) Review Questions 1,3 & 5 Page 189 & (8) Review Questions 2,3 & 6 Page 220	TBA	10
6	9-10	(9) Review Questions 2,3 & 4 Page 249 & (10) Review Questions 1,3,4 & 6 Page 279	TBA	10
7	11-12	(11) Review Questions 1,3,4 & 6 Page 303 & (12) Review Questions 2, 5 & 7 Page 337	TBA	10
<b>TOTAL HOMEWORK POINTS POSSIBLE: 70</b>				

LETTER GRADE	PERCENTAGE RANGE	POINTS
A	100-90	
B	89-80	
C	79-70	
D	69-60	
F	59 and below	Cumulative

<b>CRIMINOLOGY 1 TEST SCHEDULE</b>			
TEST	CHAPTERS	DATE	POINTS
1	TBD	TBA	40
2	TBD	TBA	40
3	TBD	TBA	40
4	Term Paper	TBA	50
FINAL	Comprehensive	TBD	50
<b>TOTAL TEST POINTS POSSIBLE:</b>			<b>220</b>

TOTAL HOMEWORK POINTS POSSIBLE	70
TOTAL EXAMINATION POINTS POSSIBLE	220
<b>TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>310</b>

**Subject to Change:**

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to check on any changes made while you were absent.