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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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CLASS MEETS: MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY @ 1200 TO 1250 HOURS
(CLASS WILL MEET ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAYS)

TEXT: Introduction To CRIMINAL JUSTICE (2nd)
BY CLIFF ROBERSON
THE ENTIRE TEXT IS REQUIRED READING

COURSE DESCRIPTION

THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AS IT HAS EVOLVED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM; ROLE CONCEPTS, EXPECTATIONS, AND THE INTERACTION OF THE SUB-SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; CRIME CAUSATION, PUNISHMENT AND REHABILITATION; ETHICS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN THE SOCIAL SYSTEM.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THIS COURSE WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE A KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY WILL DEVELOP AN AWARENESS OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING AN AWARENESS OF SOCIAL ISSUES PERTAINING

TO IT AND THE INHERENT CRIME PROBLEMS WITHIN OUR SOCIETY. THEY WILL ALSO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE EXPECTATIONS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PERSONNEL, AND THE DEMANDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CAREERS WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE STUDENT WILL GAIN AN APPRECIATION FOR THE NEED OF A WELL ORGANIZED ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND ALSO FOR THE NEED OF HIGHLY EDUCATED AND TRAINED PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL TO WORK WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

TESTS AND EXAMS: THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCED DATE AND A WRITTEN TEST GIVEN FOR EACH UNIT OF THE COURSE. THERE WILL BE OCCASIONAL UNANNOUNCED CHAPTER QUIZZES. THERE WILL BE A FINAL EXAMINATION GIVEN AS SCHEDULED DURING FINALS WEEK. IT WILL BE WORTH APPROXIMATELY ONE FOURTH OF THE TOTAL GRADE FOR THE SEMESTER.

YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL BE DETERMINED BY COMPUTING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS YOU HAVE ACCUMULATED FOR THE ENTIRE SEMESTER BY PERCENTAGE, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

90% = A
80% = B
70% = C
60% = D
50% = F

EXTRA CREDIT: MAY BE EARNED BY PARTICIPATION IN A RIDE-A-LONG PROGRAM UPON APPROVAL FROM THE INSTRUCTOR. YOU MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE INSTRUCTOR FOR ANY EXTRA CREDIT WORK.

NOTE: DROP POLICY:

18 WEEK COURSES HAVE A DROP DEADLINE OF THE 9TH WEEK.

THE ACTUAL DROP DEADLINE DATE FOR EACH SEMESTER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER.

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR EVERY DAY THE CLASS MEETS.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THEIR SEATS AND READY FOR CLASS WHEN THE CLASS BEGINS. EXCESSIVE TARDINESS AND ABSENCE MAY EFFECT YOUR FINAL GRADE, OR RESULT IN YOUR BEING DROPPED FROM THE CLASS.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. OVERVIEW OF THE SYSTEM

- ◆ PHILOSOPHY
- ◆ DUE PROCESS
- ◆ LEGAL FOUNDATIONS
- ◆ SOURCES/CLASSIFICATIONS OF CRIMES
- ◆ THE NATURE OF CRIME

2. EVOLUTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ◆ FOUNDATION
- ◆ DEVELOPMENT OF TRIAL SYSTEM

3. EXPLANATION OF CONTEMPORARY CRIME

- ◆ CONCEPTS OF CRIME CAUSATION
- ◆ EVOLUTION OF SOCIAL CONTROL
- ◆ CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

4. SCOPE OF THE CRIME PROBLEM

- ◆ SOURCES OF CRIME DATA
- ◆ VOLUME AND RATE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
- ◆ EMERGING TRENDS

5. THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ◆ FROM ENGLISH MODEL
- ◆ EMERGING SYSTEM

-) ♦ CONTEMPORARY SYSTEMS
- 6. LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS
 - ♦ WHAT DO THE POLICE DO?
 - ♦ STYLES OF POLICING
 - ♦ PERSONAL ISSUES
- 7. CRITICAL ISSUES
 - ♦ CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS
 - ♦ LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS
 - ♦ ETHICS
 - ♦ STRESS
- 8. POLICE OPERATIONS
 - ♦ PATROL
 - ♦ TRAFFIC
 - ♦ PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING
-) 9. STRUCTURE AND ROLE OF COURTS
 - ♦ FEDERAL COURTS
 - ♦ STATE COURTS
- 10. ROLES IN THE COURT SYSTEM
 - ♦ PROSECUTORS
 - ♦ DEFENSE COUNSEL
 - ♦ JUDGES
 - ♦ OTHER COURT PERSONNEL
- 11. TRIAL PROCESSES
 - ♦ PRETRIAL
 - ♦ JURY
 - ♦ PROCEEDINGS

12. SENTENCING

- ◆ PUNISHMENT?
- ◆ DEATH PENALTY
- ◆ ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING

13. CORRECTIONS

- ◆ CORRECTIONAL PHILOSOPHY
- ◆ INSTITUTIONS
- ◆ PRISONER'S RIGHTS
- ◆ LIFE IN PRISON

14. VICTIMOLOGY

- ◆ FEAR OF CRIME
- ◆ VICTIM'S RIGHTS
- ◆ COMPENSATION

CLASS RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. ANY ACTIVITY OR BEHAVIOR BY A STUDENT(S) THAT INTERFERES WITH THE ORDERLY FUNCTION OF THE CLASS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. ANY SUCH PERSON MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CLASSROOM.
2. FOOD AND BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM.
3. YOU MAY NOT INVITE A GUEST TO BE WITH YOU IN THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE INSTRUCTOR. THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN AND INFANTS.
4. YOU MUST OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE INSTRUCTOR BEFORE VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING OF ANY LECTURE OR PRESENTATION IN THE CLASSROOM.