

**CJ 151 Criminal Justice Systems
Fall 1999 (3 Credit Hours)
Chaminade University**

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Instructor:

Dr. Fagin is a full- professor and Director of the graduate and undergraduate programs in criminal justice and public administration. He has been at Chaminade since 1990. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Educators*. He is author of a number articles on criminal justice, computer crime and terrorism and hostage negotiations. He received his B.A. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and completed his M.S. and Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Course Objectives:

The objective of CJ 151 is to introduce the student to the American Criminal Justice System. At the conclusion of this course it is expected that the student will be able:

1. to clearly and logically to describe the CJ system,
2. to discuss the CJ system using technical vocabulary
3. to describe the responsibilities of the various components of the CJ system
4. to cite landmark legal cases and their impact on the CJ system

Course Description:

Overview of the criminal justice systems, processes, and personnel. Roles and relationships of various law enforcement agencies, court systems, and corrections agencies.

Required Textbooks:

Frank Schmalleger (1999), Criminal Justice Today (5th ed.) Prentice Hall.

Attendance

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is recognized that there at times when the student will not be able to attend class but absence from class will impact the student's grade. The student's participation in each class session is considered important to the learning process. Missing class is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next class, completing reading assignments or other projects which were assigned during the missed class.

Missed examinations cannot be made up unless the absence is for documented medical reasons, service to the University, mandatory military/work obligations, or other reasons as deemed acceptable by the instructor. The instructor must approve any make up examination. Delay in contacting the instructor **after** an examination is reason to deny a make-up examination. Once the examination has been passed back to the class, the

examination cannot be made up. Examinations are **usually passed** back the following class period.

Reading Assignments

Reading assignments will be completed **prior** to class or the student **will** not be prepared to **participate meaningfully** in discussions. The student's grade may be adversely impacted by evidence of failure to read **assignments prior** to class.

Course Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated upon the following factors:
Three unit examinations

Final course grades are based upon the following:

A = 90 - 100 % of credited points

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=60-69

Notes: