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**CJ151 Criminal Justice Systems  
Fall 1999 (Three Credit Hours)  
Chaminade University**

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**Class Time/Day:** 530pm-930pm Wed

**Location:** NCTAMS Education Ctr

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**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 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; and
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 (5<sup>th</sup> ed.) Prentice Hall.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is recognized that there are time 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 other projects which were assigned during the missed class.

Missed examinations cannot be made up unless the absence is documented for 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.

1. Three unit examinations (each worth 100pts) or 1 comprehensive final examination (worth 300pts). After the first examination, the student has the option of selecting to take the comprehensive examination. Once a student has selected to take the comprehensive examination, the testing scores for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> examinations will not count.
2. Five quizzes (10pts each; 50pts total). Quizzes may be written or oral.
3. Five points will be awarded for each class attended (total of 50pts)
4. Class participation/special projects (100pts). Class participation is tied with attendance (5pts for each class). Special projects include pro/con debates, presentation of class subjects, and others as assigned by the instructor (50pts).

**Final Course Grades are Based on the Following:**

A= 450+

B= 425-449

C= 400-424

D= 375-399

## CJ 151 Course Syllabus

- Oct 6 Chapter 1: "What is Criminal Justice?"  
Chapter 2: "The Crime Picture"
- Oct 13 Chapter 3: "The Search for Causes"  
Chapter 4: "**Criminal** Law"  
Quiz over Ch. 1&2
- Oct 20 Chapter 5: "Policing: History and Structure"  
First Examination: Chapters 1-4
- Oct 27 Chapter 6: "Police Management"  
Chapter 7: "Policing: Legal Aspects"  
Quiz over Ch. 5
- Nov 3 Chapter 8: "The Courts"  
Chapter 9: "The Courtroom Work Group and the Criminal Trial"  
Chapter 10: "Sentencing"  
Quiz over Ch. 6&7
- Nov 10 Chapter 11: "Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections"  
Second Examination: Chapters 6-10
- Nov 17 Chapter 12: "Prisons and Jails"  
Chapter 13: "Prison Life"  
Quiz over Ch. 11
- Nov 24 Chapter 14: "Juvenile Delinquency"  
Chapter 15: "Drugs and Crime"  
Quiz over Ch. 12& 13  
Review for Final Examination
- Dec 1 No Class
- Dec 8 Final Examination: Chapters 11-15  
Comprehensive Examination: Chapters 1-4 and 6-15