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*Course Syllabus*  
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CJ 151 Criminal Justice Systems

MON **6:00pm- 10:10pm** texts: "Criminal Justice Today" by F. Schmalleger  
"Criminal Justice Today-Student Study Guide" by Schmalleger

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### Introduction

This course will present an overview of the United States criminal justice system to include theories and analysis of crime and criminal behavior. It introduces the student to the major system components such as law enforcement, the courts, and corrections, as well as landmark legal cases and how they have impacted on the system.

### Requirements

Course requirements consist of two exams; a mid-term and a final. The exams will be multiple choice and are based on the text, class notes and discussion. Also required is one oral presentation by each student. The presentation should be at least five, but no more than ten minutes in duration, and based on a current topic **within** the criminal justice field. The student will choose the topic. Examples such as **causal** theories of crime, methods of combating crime, and treatment of offenders are all relevant topics. Students are encouraged to utilize a variety of research sources to include newspapers, news **magazines**, and law enforcement periodicals. Students will be graded on content, applicability and learning value and are expected to talk (inform, not teach) intelligently and coherently from their research sources and not to read verbatim from an article.

### Graft

Mid-term	100 points
Final	<b>100 points</b>
Oral Presentation	35 points
Attendance/Participation	15 points

\*\*\*Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course due to the limited number of times this class meets and the duration of each class period. Missing only one class is actually **like** missing several regular class periods. Class participation is an important part of the learning process so it is expected and necessary.

225-250=A  
200-224=B  
175-199=C  
150-174=D  
0-149=F

## Class Schedule

### January

- 10 Course Introduction, Chapter 1
- 12 Chapters 1 & 2
- 17 ft f& 2
- 19 Chapter 3, Chapter 4 (pp. 114-129)
- 24 Oral Presentations, Midterm **Exam** Review
- 26 Midterm Exam
- 31 Oral Presentations, Chapter 5 (pp. 170-193), Chapter 8

### February

- 2 Chapter 10 (**pp.363-369**), Chapter 11 (**pp.402-413** and 419-426),
- 7 Chapter 12 (**pp.457-472**)
- 9 Chapter 15 (pp. 590-605), Chapter 17, Final Exam Review
- 14 **Final** Exam