Criminal Justice 201 Foundations in Criminology

Chaminade University -- Winter Evening 2001
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Course Description

This course is an **introduction** to the **criminal justice system** and the social, political, economical **environments** in which crime flourishes. Students **will examine** the nature and types of crimes, theories of crime, statistics on **crime, criminal** law, the victim, the offender, punishment and **corrections.** There is an emphasis on contemporary criminological research and the **functioning** and interaction of the various **components** of the system Open to non criminal justice majors.

Course Objective

Upon completion of this **course,** the student should be able to:

- assess the criminal justice system's relationship to society;
  do **critical analyses** of **its strengths and** w & W
- evaluate and prioritize **theoretical perspectives;**
- pursue the development of crime, criminology, and social problems.

Required teat and materials

Adler, et at 3rd ed. **(1997). NewYork: McGraw-Hill,** Inc.
On-line readings and handouts.

Communications

On-line **communication with** the instructor **will** be through email at my address of valverdec001@hawaii.rr.com. I expect students to **maintain** regular (at least once a week) contact with me by sending assignments, questions, or comments about the course.

Communication and **class** discussion with your fellow students should be through the CJ201 web board. Please visit the CJ201 web board to **familiarize** yourself with its operation and post a brief (50-words or less) introduction (Post #1). You will need to choose a permanent **username** and password to access the web board. There **will** be **several** web board topics on which you will be required to answer a question and possibly respond to other **student** answers. This requirement is in the hopes of fostering class **discussions,** and I may change the system as needed. Please note, however, that your **communications** (or lack **thereof)** with myself and the other students **will** count as a significant portion of your grade **(See** Requirements and **grading,** below).

Requirements and grading

Quizzes

8 quizzes based on class readings. 5 points each. Total -- **40** points.

Writing assignments

4 **writing** assignments based on class **readings,** contemporary events, **media** sources **(print, film,** on-line etc.), and your own *ideas.* 15 points each paper. Total 60 **points.**

Communication

Web board **participation** and **email communication with instructor.** 20 **points** each. **Total:** 40 points.

Final exam

Comprehensive exam based on readings and **quizzes,** to be **given** at Chaminade **main campus** during finals **week.** 60 points.

Total possible points: 200

Grading scale: **180+=A, 160+=B, 140+=C, 120+=D, <120=F**

Schedule (tentative)

(Schedule is based on a 9 week term **beginning** January 14, 2000, and **ending** March 17, 2000 [Note: Paper #4 due March 20, 20001)

Week 1- **January** 14-20

Reading: Adler, Chapters 1 **and** 3

Web Board Post #1 -- **Introduction** to class (due by January 20)

Writing Assignment #1 (due February 3)

Week 2 - **January** 21-27

Reading: Adler Ch. 4-5

Web Board Post **#2** (due by January 27)

Quiz #2

Week 3 - **January 28-February** 3

Reading: Adler Ch. 6-7

Quiz #3

Writing Assignment # 1 due **Saturday** February 3

Writing **Assignment** #2 (due Sat. **February** 17)

Week 4 -- February 4-10

Reading: Adler Ch. 8-9

Quiz #4

Web Board Post #3 (due by February **10)**

Week 5 -- **February** 11-17

Reading: Adler Ch. 10-11

Quiz-#5

Writing Assignment #2 due Saturday, **February** 17

Writing **Assignment** #3 (due Sat. March **3)**

Week 6 -- **February** 18-24

Reading: Adler Ch. 12-13

Quiz #6

Web Board Post #4 (due by February 24)

Week 7 -- February 25-March 3

Reading: Adler Chapters 14 and 16

Quiz #7

Web Board Post #5

Writing **Assignment** #4 **(due** March 20)

Week 8 -- March 4-10

Reading: Adler Ch. 17-18

Quiz #8

Week 9 -- March 11-17**

Final Exam at **Chaminade** main campus -- Saturday March 17, 2000

**Writing Assignment #4 due Tuesday March 20, 2000

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