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# **Criminal Justice 201 -- Foundations in Criminology**

**Chaminade University -- Fall 2002**

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## **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to criminology and the social, political, and economic environments in which crime flourishes. Among other things, students will examine the nature and types of crimes, theories of crime, and statistics of crime. 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 weaknesses;
- evaluate and prioritize theoretical perspectives;
- pursue the development of crime, criminology, and social problems.

## **Required text and materials**

*Criminology*, Adler, et al. 4th ed. (2000). New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc.

## **Requirements and grading**

Missed, late, incomplete or improperly done work will result in a lower course grade.

## **Quizzes and in-class writing assignments**

Mandatory weekly assignments based on class readings and outside sources, due each week. 20 total points are possible for all quiz and in-class work -- a subjective determination of each student's total (out of the 20 pts) will be made by me at the end of the term based on a review of all work. This work is the backbone of the course; the final exam will draw heavily from the quizzes and web board assignments.

## **Papers/Writing assignments**

4 outside writing assignments based on class readings, contemporary events, media sources (print, film, on-line etc.), and your own ideas. One or two of the writing assignments may be assigned as in-class presentation type projects. 10 points possible for each writing assignment. No late papers accepted. Total: 40 points.

## **Mid term and final exams**

Comprehensive exams based on readings, quizzes, and other assignments. 40 points possible.

**Total possible points: 100**

**Grading scale: 90+=A, 80+=B, 70+=C, 60+=D, <60=F. Note: A course grade of "F" may result from any plagiarized writing assignment, or work that I deem to be the work of someone other than the student turning it in.**

## **Schedule (subject to change)**

(Schedule is based on a 16 week term beginning August 26, 2002 and ending December 6, 2002. The final exam is scheduled for December 11, 2002.

**Week 1 – Aug 26-31**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 1**

**Week 2 – Sept 1-7**

**Labor day holiday, Monday Sept. 2**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 3**

**Week 3 – Sept 8-14**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 4**

**Week 4 – Sept 15-21**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 5**

**Paper #1 due Sept. 21**

**Week 5 – Sept 22-28**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 6**

**Week 6 – Sept 29-Oct 5**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 7**

**Week 7 – Oct 6-12**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 8**

**Week 8 – Oct 13-19**

**Discoverer's day holiday, Monday Oct. 14**

**Reading: Adler, Chapter 9**

**Paper #2 due Oct. 19**



Week 9 – Oct 20-26  
Mid term exam  
Reading: Adler, Chapter 10

Week 10 – Oct 27-Nov 2  
Reading: Adler, Chapter 11

Week 11 – Nov 3-9  
Reading: Adler, Chapter 12

Week 12 – Nov 10-16  
Veteran's day holiday, Monday Nov. 11  
Reading: Adler, Chapter 13  
Paper #3 due Nov. 16

Week 13 – Nov 17-23  
Thanksgiving holiday, Friday Nov. 22  
Chapter 14

Week 14 – Nov 24-30  
Reading: Adler, Chapter 15

Week 15 – Dec 1-6  
Reading: Adler, Chapter 2  
Paper #4 due Dec. 6

Week 16 – Final exam – December 11