

## CJ 740 Community Corrections, Probation & Parole Online 2012

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**Textbook:** <u>Probation and Parole, Theory and Practice,</u> Howard Abadinsky,

**Objective:** To analyze the history and techniques of probation, parole, after-care supervision,

and related services.

**Grading:** Grades will be based on the following:

Attendance (10%) A = 90 - 100Class Participation (10%) B = 89 - 80Assignments (20%) C = 79 - 0

Research Paper & Presentation (30%)

Midterm & Final Project (30%)

**Attendance:** Attendance/Discussions is mandatory, essential, and will fall within school guidelines --meaning it will and can affect your final grade. If you do not participate for a two week period, which means you missed 20% of class, you will be dropped from the class immediately.

**Class Participation:** Each student is expected to participate during class/group discussions and be respectful of opinions that others may have.

**Assignments:** Application is key to comprehension. Be prepared. The purpose of assignments is to demonstrate understanding, writing skills, and provoke thought. All assignments for the drop box are to be typed, using 12 point font, one inch margins, and be double spaced. Please have your name in the upper left hand corner along with the date the assignment was due. As for the threaded discussions, the points earned will be based on content (thoughtfulness of entry) and responses to your fellow students. Late assignments will be accepted on a case by case basis. Reported computer problems resulting in late submissions will also be considered on a case by case basis.

**Articles:** Each week, you will submit two articles and your reactions to them. They must relate to the topic of the week. The date of the article must be within the past two years. You will submit the article itself to the Webliography for your fellow students to review. Your article reaction papers are to be submitted via the dropbox. For the reaction papers, you summarize the article and provide your thoughts to the article. The length of your reaction paper varies. Grades are not based on length but is based on content. Late articles will be accepted on a case by case basis. Reported computer problems resulting in late submissions will also be considered on a case by case basis.

Research Paper: The topic of your paper will reflect the topics of the class and must be approved by the instructor prior to the start of your research. The format of your paper must be APA. The minimum amount of pages is 15. There is no maximum. You must use a minimum of five resources. You will be graded on knowledge of the topic, analysis, resources used, presentation, and the ability to abide by the stated structure. Resources will be reviewed to determine reliability and credibility. Any paper that is plagiarized will result in an automatic failure for the class. Presentations will be submitted to Doc Sharing for your peers to review and allow feedback. The presentations will be in a power point type format. Late papers will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Reported computer problems resulting in late submissions will also be considered on a case by case basis.

**Projects:** There will be two projects, midterm and final; topics to be announced.

**Course Outline:** The syllabus and course outline may change at the instructor's discretion. Due dates and other details are located in Course Home section. This is a general guide to what each week will entail.

Week One: Introduction of Students

Overview of the Class

Class Exercise

Week Two: Chapters 1 & 2

Questions

Article Reaction Papers 1 & 2 Due

Class Discussion/Exercise Research Paper Topics Due

Week Three: Chapters 3 & 4

Questions

Article Reaction Papers 3 & 4 Due

Class Discussion/Exercise

Week Four: Chapters 5 & 6

Questions

Article Reaction Papers 5 & 6 Due

Class Discussion/Exercise

Week Five: Midterm Project Due; Presentation of Project

Week Six: Chapters 7 & 8

Questions

Article Reaction Papers 7 & 8 Due

Class Discussion/Exercise

Week Seven: Chapters 9 & 10

Questions

Article Reaction Papers 9 & 10 Due

Class Discussion/Exercise

Week Eight: Chapters 11 & 12

Questions

Article Reaction Papers 11 & 12 Due Class Discussion/Exercise

Week Nine: Research Paper Presentation -- all papers due no exceptions

Final Project Due; Presentation of Project Week Ten: