

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: CJ 375²⁰ Contemporary Issues

SEMESTER: 2002 Summer Evening Semester

DAY/TIME/PLACE: Tuesday 5:30-9:30 p.m. /Kaneohe Bay, M.C.B.H.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An examination of issues currently faced by the criminal justice system focusing upon contemporary issues which are projected to have a major impact upon the quality of life for the community and the ability of the criminal justice system to provide services to the community.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- have been exposed to pressing issues in today's criminal justice system,
- appreciate the impact that politics has upon the criminal justice system
- have been exposed to modern criminal enterprises
- learn about the role that race may have within the criminal justice system,
- develop an understanding of the importance of diversity within the criminal justice system

REQUIRED TEXT: M. Ethan Katsh & William Rose, Legal Issues, Ninth Edition, Dushkin/Mcgraw-Hill, ISBN 0-07-237139-0. .

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION: Class participation is an expected and essential requirement of the course. A student's participation in each session is considered important to the learning process. Missing a session is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next session. A student's absence from or chronic late arrivals to a session will impact the student's grade. In general, there is no make-up procedure for missed examinations or assignments. Students who have advanced knowledge that they will miss a session or deadline should contact the instructor to make arrangements to take the examination at another time. The decision to allow a make-up assignment under these circumstances rests with the instructor and will be made on a case-by-case basis. If a student did not have advanced notice

that s/he would miss a session or assignment deadline, s/he must contact the instructor within 24 hours. A student who misses a session or deadline and is allowed by the instructor to take a make-up must be prepared to take the test immediately (usually within 48 hours).

READING ASSIGNMENTS: All assignments must be completed prior to the class or the student will not be prepared to participate meaningfully in class discussions. Classes are prepared on the assumption and expectation that the student has read the assigned materials and completed any required assignments. It is particularly important that the assignments are prepared by stated deadlines.

COURSE EVALUATIONS: Final grades are based on the following factors:

1) Participation in class and attendance	30 points
2) 3 written papers and 3 oral position presentation	<u>180 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS	210 points

GRADING: A= 90 % of the possible 210 total points (180+)
B= 80 % of the possible 210 total points (160+)
C= 70 % of the possible 210 total points (140+)
D= 60 % of the possible 210 total points (125+)

Requirements of the Position Paper

Position papers should be approximately 175 to 250 words in length. The paper should state a single thesis sentence or position and provide logical argumentation to support your position.

Disclaimer

This instructor reserves the right to make slight adjustments to this syllabus as may be necessitated by course developments or circumstances. Any adjustments will be announced to the class prior to the adjustment taking place.