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CJ 490 Seminar in Criminal Justice Agencies (3 credit hours)
Fall Session October 4 - December 16, 1999
Department of Criminal Justice
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Biographical Statement

Retired from the Honolulu Police Department as a Captain after 28 years of service (1989). Formerly, the Director of Security and Safety at the Sheraton Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Presently, the **Director** of Security at Kahala Mall. Also, President and Owner of DC Investigations and Guard **Service**. BA and Masters Degrees in Justice Management from Chaminade University.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course the student should produce a written research paper and oral report which demonstrates that he or she has an **integrative knowledge** of the criminal justice system. The paper and report ~~should reflect knowledge of content matter,~~ research **methods**, statistics and **grammar** appropriate to a graduating senior of criminal justice. The oral report should reflect ability in **organization**, delivery and self-confidence in public speaking.

Students will take a comprehensive multiple-choice examination. **This examination** will be used to assess the effectiveness of the criminal justice curriculum and the knowledge criminal justice *majors have* acquired over their courses of study. **This examination** will ~~not be used to determine the student's grade in 0 490.~~

Course Description

Capstone course requiring the **integration** of knowledge regarding the criminal justice system. Students must complete a written in-depth **research** project dealing with one of the components of the criminal justice systems and an oral presentation to the class which is open to the public. Prerequisites: CJ major, CJ 215 or CJ 315, and senior standing.

Term Paper Topic: "What Works: An Assessment of New Criminal Justice Programs"

Attendance

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is recognized that there are times when the student will not be able to attend class but absence from class will impact the student's grade. The student's participation in each class session is considered **important** to the **learning** process. **Missing** class is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next class, completing reading assignments or other projects which were assigned during the missed class. Given the nature of this class, there are some assignments which cannot be **made** up **as they involve group interaction**. A student's grade may be reduced as calculated by test scores due to missed classes or late **arrivals/early** departures to class.

Course Evaluation

Midterm Examination (Research Methods)	30%
Term Paper	50%
Oral Presentation	10%
Attendance and Timely Submission of Drafts	10%

OUTLINE OF COURSE

Week 1	Introduction/Syllabus/The Research Report. <i>Attendance mandatory.</i>
Week 2	APA format and choice of term paper project/report. Examples.
Week 3	Statistics review and developing the topic with individual students.
Week 4	Progress review of projects with each student and counseling.
Week 5	Each student will submit bibliography and <i>introduction and statement of</i> u <i>ose</i> status report.
Week 6	Update and counsel with each student on project.
Week 7	Update and counsel with each student on project.
Week 8	Update and counsel with each student on project.
Week 9	Paper due and oral presentation. <i>Attendance mandatory.</i>
Week 10	<u>Exit Examination.</u> <i>Attendance mandatory.</i>

Textbooks

Lawrence F. Locke, Stephen Silverman & Waneen Wyrick Spirduso (1998), *Reading and Understanding Research*. Sage Publications, Inc.. 0-7619-0307-0 - paperback.

John W. Creswell (1994). *Research Design: Qualitative & Quantitative Approaches*. Sage 52554 - paperback.

The following books are recommended secondary text which provide additional information about the research process or data analysis.

Bourque, L.B. and Fielder, E.P. (1995). *How to conduct self-administered and mail surveys*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Chelimsky, E. and Shadish, W.R. (1997). *Evaluation for the 21st century*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Chow, S.L. (1996). *Statistical Significance*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Denzin, N.K. and Lincoln, Y. S. (1994). *Handbook of qualitative research*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Fink, A. and Kosecoff, J. (1985). *How to conduct surveys. A step-by-step guide*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Fowler, F.J. (1995). *Improving survey questions*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Frey, J.J. and Oishi, S.M. (1995). *How to conduct interviews by telephone and in person*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Gravetter, G.J. & Wallnua, L.B. (1995), *Essentials of statistics for the behavioral sciences*. Minneapolis/St.Paul, West Publishing Company.

Girden, E.R (1996). *Evaluating research articles from start to finish*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Hacker, D., *The Bedford Handbook for Writers*. Boston: Bedford Books of St. Martin's Press.

Henerson, M.E. Morris, L.L. and Fitz-Gibbon, C.T. (1987). *How to measure attitudes*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Kanji, G.K. (1993). *100 statistical tests*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

- Kvale, S. (1996). *Interviews: An introduction to qualitative research interviewing*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Litwin, M. S. (1995). *How to measure survey reliability and validity*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Mohr, L.B. (1995). *Impact analysis for program evaluation*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Neuman, W.L. (1994). *Social research methods: Qualitative and quantitative approaches* (2nd ed.) Needham Heights, Massachusetts: Allyn and Bacon. ISBN 0-205-14548-5.
- Rubin, H.J. and Rubin, I. S. (1995). *Qualitative interviewing*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Rudestam, KE. and Newton, RR (1992). *Surviving your dissertation: A comprehensive guide to content and process*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Schwandt, T.A. (1997). *Qualitative inquiry: A dictionary of terms*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Schuman, H. and Presser, S. (1996). *Questions and answers in attitude surveys*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Stringer, E. T. (1996). *Action research: A handbook for practitioners*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Wallgren, A. , Wallgren B., et al. (1996). *Graphing statistics and data: Creating better charts*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Weisberg. H. F. and Krosnick, J. A- (1996). *An introduction to survey research, polling, and data analysis*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.