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Flex Course Syllabus

[Chaminade University Honolulu](#)

3140 Waiialae Avenue - Honolulu, HI 96816

Course Overview

Course Number: CJ 375

Course Title: Contemporary Issues In Criminal Justice

Department Name: Criminology and Criminal Justice

Term: Your Flex course begins the first of the month and extends up to **10 weeks** (if enrolled in a **Flex Accelerated** course coded COURSE-CODE-##-2) or **4 months** (if enrolled in a **Flex Standard** course coded COURSE-CODE-##-9). Please refer to Self-Service to confirm your academic schedule.

Course Credits: 3

Class Meeting Days: Asynchronous, at your own pace

Class Meeting Hours: Asynchronous, at your own pace

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Office Hours: By appointment

NOTE: ALTHOUGH THIS IS A SELF PACED COURSE, YOU CANNOT TURN IN ALL ASSIGNMENTS IN THE LAST WEEK OF CLASS. THIS DOES NOT ALLOW THE STUDENT TO MEET THE CREDIT HOUR POLICY, NOR RETAIN INFORMATION PROPERLY. IF MORE THAN 50% OF THE ASSIGNMENTS ARE TURNED IN ON THE FINAL WEEK, THEY WILL NOT BE GRADED AND THE STUDENT WILL FAIL THE COURSE.

University Course Catalog 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. This course provides competencies to meet the program outcome to allow students to demonstrate an understanding of learning the basic rights guaranteed to each individual by both state and federal constitutions and laws.

Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith
2. Provide an integral, quality education
3. Educate in family spirit
4. Educate for service, justice, and peace
5. Educate for adaptation and change

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Olelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Olelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship
4. Educate for Service, Justice, and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Olelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Olelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

Learning Outcomes

By the end of our course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze and evaluate contemporary issues in criminal justice. (PLO 1)
2. Critically evaluate research, case studies, statistics, and evidence relevant to contemporary criminal justice issues. (PLO 3)
3. Identify and propose solutions to complex problems in the field of criminal justice. (PLO 4)

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO's):

Upon completion of the B.S. undergraduate program in Criminology & Criminal Justice, students will be able to:

1. Describe the interrelated institutions and processes of the criminal justice system, including the basic rights guaranteed to each individual by both state and federal constitutions and laws.
2. Apply theories of crime and criminal justice to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviors, and trends.
3. Evaluate social, cultural, and technological change and its impact on the criminal justice system.
4. Assess social inequities in crime and criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, region and age.

5. Articulate a working knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods by explaining the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions.
6. Engage the Marianist tradition of education for service, peace, and justice as it pertains to local and national social justice, injustices, and inequities in the criminal justice field.

Course Prerequisites

N/A

Required Learning Materials

All reading material will be provided by the Instructor or available via open source.

Late Work Policy

This course is utilizing a Flex model, meaning there is a firm deadline for the Course Completion Schedule assignment, which is due by 11:59 pm on the 7th day of the month in which you started the course. If this assignment is late, you may be dropped from the class. All other assignments—with the exception of any assignments that your instructor notes as having a firm deadline—can be turned in at your convenience. Please refer to Self-Service to confirm when your course section ends, as all assignments are due before then.

Grades of "Incomplete"

The current university policy concerning incomplete grades will be followed in this course. A student in good standing in a course may petition the instructor for an “I” grade. All petitions must be requested in writing via email. Good standing means that the student has completed more than 50% of the coursework and has had continued communication with the instructor throughout the term. This grade is appropriate only if extraordinary conditions beyond the control of the student have led to an inability to complete course requirements. Your instructor is the final authority on whether you qualify for an incomplete. Only one extension of 30 days per course will be allowed. Incomplete work must be finished by the end of the 30-day extension or the “I” will automatically be recorded as the final earned grade in the course on your transcript.

Assessment

- **Communities of Practice:** The field of Criminal Justice requires personal and professional dedication. It is also a profession that requires communication with others. You will be required to participate in several communities of practice interactive discussions. Links are provided in the Modules. These are pass/fail assignments. Communities of Practice are worth 10% of your final grade.
- **Presentation:** Students will create a PPT or Prezi presentation of their chosen research topic. This presentation will be between 10-20 minutes. The presentation must include the following:
 - An in-depth analysis of the existing literature
 - Challenges
 - Strategies
 - Recommendations
 - References

- **Assignments:** These assignments are designed to help students be introspective and to apply class materials to real life. Students are never graded down because the instructor does not agree with the opinion stated. However, opinions should be stated logically and should be supported with scholarly references.
 - You MAY NOT submit assignments using a pages document. Canvas is not compatible and I cannot open them. Submit using doc or docx for best results.
 - A rubric is used for grading assignments and is provided in each assignment. It should be noted that the rubric will be used ***ONLY*** to grade the assignment given. You will not receive rubric credit for turning in a paper that has nothing to do with the assignment. For example: if you are given an assignment on police stress and you turn in a paper on how to change the oil in your car - you will not receive credit for grammar, spelling, etc. You will receive a zero as you did not complete the assignment.
- **Turn It In:** Turn it in is now attached to all assignments. It is a plagiarism checker. You will notice a similarity score after you submit a paper. Any paper with a similarity score of 20% or higher will undergo a thorough examination and be subject to the academic honesty policy below. Students can resubmit any assignment for a lower similarity score. *If you choose to do this you must advise the instructor in the comments section of the assignment immediately. If not immediately notified, the original submission will be the one graded.*

Grading System:

Point Distribution & Scoring System:	% of Final Grade
Assignments	90%
Presentation	10%
	100%

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = 59% and below

Instructor and Student Communication

Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor at kelly.treece@chaminade.edu. Online, in-person, and phone conferences can be arranged. Response time will take place up to 3 days.

Email Guidelines:

- Use your Chaminade email account.
- Always include a subject line.
- Use standard fonts.
- Special formatting such as centering, audio messages, tables, HTML, etc. should be avoided unless necessary to complete an assignment or other communication.

Community of Practice Communication Guidelines:

- Do not make insulting or inflammatory statements. Be respectful of others' ideas.
- Be patient and read the comments of others thoroughly before posting your remarks.
- Be positive and constructive.
- Consider how your posts help to further the discussion and/or meet course learning outcomes.

Regular and Substantive Interaction

Grading and providing content-specific feedback will be provided within one week of submission. Content-specific feedback will include one or more of the following: audio feedback, rubric feedback, individualized communication in the comment section, or comments within the document submission.

Additionally, due to the online nature of this course, open office hours are not feasible. Therefore, I have created a booking link that allows you to book an open time with me at your convenience. This ensures that the time is set aside specifically for you and you will not have to wait on other students during my available time. Further, all of my available time slots are shown to you two weeks in advance so that you can best fit your schedule. Use this link (<https://drtreece.youcanbook.me/>) to make an appointment. This link is also provided to you in the announcement section of the course.

Additional Services

Disability Access

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet the criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Kōkua 'Ike Coordinator at (808) 739-8305 for further information (ada@chaminade.edu).

Canvas Technical Assistance:

- Search for help on specific topics or get tips in [Canvas Students](#)
- [Live chat with Canvas Support for students](#)
- Canvas Support Hotline for students: +1-833-209-6111
- Watch this [video to get you started](#)
- [Online tutorials](#): click on "Students" role to access tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4855

Tutoring and Writing Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua 'Ike's website](#) for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe.

Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click Account – Notifications – TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Chaminade University Policies

Student Conduct Policy

Campus life is a unique situation requiring the full cooperation of each individual. For many, Chaminade is not only a school but a home and a place of work as well. That makes it a community environment in which the actions of one student may directly affect other students. Therefore, each person must exercise a high degree of responsibility. Any community must have standards of conduct and rules by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website under Student Life.

For further information, [please refer to the Chaminade Catalog](#).

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Attendance Policy

Flex students are expected to asynchronously attend and submit coursework in classes they are registered in. The student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's division office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu Tutor Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not

materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes.

Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, essay plagiarism, using unapproved notes/material during quizzes/exams, and assisting others with quizzes/exams.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of the Academic Division and may range from an "F" grade for the work in question to an "F" for the course to suspension or dismissal from the University.

The success of the Honor Code is made possible only with the acceptance and cooperation of every student. Each student is expected to maintain the principles of the Code. Examples of Honor Code violations include:

- Giving or receiving information from another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized sources for answers during an examination;
- Illegally obtained test questions before the test;
- Any and all forms of plagiarism – submit all or part of someone else's work or ideas as your own;
- The destruction and/or confiscation of school and/or personal property.

A violation is reported either to the professor involved, who will report it to the Dean of Students, or directly to the Dean of Students.

Violations of the Honor Code are serious. They harm other students, your professor, and the integrity of the University. Alleged violations will be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs. If found guilty of plagiarism, a student might receive a range of penalties, including failure of an assignment, failure of an assignment, and withholding of the final course grade until a paper is turned in on the topic of plagiarism, failure of the course, or suspension from the University.

Violations of Academic Integrity: Violations of the principle include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids, or other devices in any academic exercise.
- Fabrication and Falsification: Intentional and unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification is a matter of inventing or counterfeiting information for use in any academic exercise.

- Multiple Submissions: The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work for credit (including oral reports) more than once without authorization.
- Plagiarism: Intentionally or knowingly presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source).
- Abuse of Academic Materials: Intentionally or knowingly destroying, stealing, or making inaccessible library or other academic resource materials.
- Complicity in Academic Dishonesty: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.
- Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:
 1. Copying or borrowing liberally from someone else's work without his/her knowledge or permission; or with his/her knowledge or permission and turning it in as your own work.
 2. Copying of someone else's exam or paper.
 3. Allowing someone to turn in your work as his or her own.
 4. Not providing adequate references for cited work.
 5. Copying and pasting large quotes or passages without properly citing them.

PLAGIARISM CHECKER:

You will notice in your assignments that a plagiarism checker (Turn it in) has been activated. This tool is designed to help both the student and the instructor. After submission, you will receive a color coded flag and percentage next to your submission. This informs you of how much your assignment is similar to other work out there. If it is above 20%, I urge you to rework and resubmit your assignment prior to the due date. Whatever the last submission is PRIOR to the due date and time is the one I will grade. I will not grade a resubmission after the due date. If you notice that there are a lot of similarities in the reference section, please disregard. If you are doing those correctly, they should match with other work. Any instances of plagiarism will be subject to discipline (see below section on academic honesty).

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHECKER:

This course prohibits the use of AI software in completing any assignments, projects, or exams. The use of AI software is defined as the use of any computer program or algorithm that utilizes machine learning, natural language processing, or any other form of artificial intelligence to assist in completing coursework. In addition to checking for plagiarism, Turn It In also detects assignments that are likely written by AI software. It has a 98% reliability rating. Any assignment that indicates high levels of likelihood to be written by AI software is subject to review. Further, software that is designed to alter/hide AI usage is also prohibited. Any submitted work that is suspected of AI usage is subject to review. This may include an interview with the student to show competency in the assignment, an investigation of the assignment, and/or documented proof that AI was not used. Violating this policy will result in a penalty as described in the Academic Dishonesty policy noted in the handbook (and listed below in the syllabus). Specifically for this class, the first offense will result in a zero for the assignment. The second offense will result in a failing grade. It does not matter if the second offense is on the last week of class, a failing grade will be automatically issued. **IT IS URGED THAT ALL STUDENTS TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.**

I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RE-CHECK AND REGRADE ANY PREVIOUSLY GRADED WORK IF ANY CONCERNS REGARDING ACADEMIC HONESTY OCCUR

Credit Hour Policy

The unit of semester credit is defined as university-level credit that is awarded for the completion of coursework. One credit hour reflects the amount of work represented in the intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement for those learning outcomes. Each credit hour earned at Chaminade University should result in 45 hours of engagement.

The minimum 45 hours of engagement per credit hour can be satisfied in fully online, internship, or other specialized courses through several means, including (a) regular online instruction or interaction with the faculty member and fellow students and (b) academic engagement through extensive reading, research, online discussion, online quizzes or exams; instruction, collaborative group work, internships, laboratory work, practica, studio work, and preparation of papers, presentations, or other forms of assessment. This policy is in accordance with federal regulations and regional accrediting agencies.