

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE



COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Name & Number	Introduction to Criminal Justice CRIJ 1301	Semester & Year	Spring 2010
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Catalog Description	History and philosophy of criminal justice and ethical consideration; crime defined; its nature and impact; overview of the criminal justice system; law enforcement; court system; prosecution and defense; trial process; corrections.		
Student Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of this course, the student will: 1. Discuss the manifolds of the criminal justice system. 2. Interpret the thirteen components of the criminal justice process. 3. Make sense of the laws used in the criminal justice system. 4. Research current information related to crime. 5. Differentiate between the juvenile justice and the adult justice system. 6. Participate in-group discussions concerning current issues related to crime. 7. Recognize the different types of punishments for crime.		
Textbooks & Materials Required / Recommended	Criminal Justice in America 5 th edition Author George F. Cole and Christopher E. Smith		

Grading Policy & Procedures	<p>Your final grade will be a total of points earned from five (5) scheduled exams, discussion board assignments, research project, quizzes, comprehensive final exam.</p> <p><u>Grading Scale</u></p> <table> <tr><td>1200-1080</td><td>A</td></tr> <tr><td>1079-960</td><td>B</td></tr> <tr><td>959-840</td><td>C</td></tr> <tr><td>839-720</td><td>D</td></tr> <tr><td>719-Below</td><td>F</td></tr> </table> <table> <tr><td>Exams</td><td>500 points (Five exams worth a maximum of 100 points.)</td></tr> <tr><td>Research Project</td><td>200 points</td></tr> <tr><td>Discussion Board Activities</td><td>100 points (Four discussions worth 25 points each)</td></tr> <tr><td>Quizzes</td><td>100 points (Five Quizzes at 20 points each)</td></tr> <tr><td>Chapter Assignments</td><td>100 points (Four Chapter Assignments worth 25 points each)</td></tr> <tr><td>Comprehensive Final Exam</td><td>200 Points</td></tr> <tr><td>Total points</td><td>1200 points</td></tr> </table> <p>Note: Please read instructions for all assignments on angel.</p>	1200-1080	A	1079-960	B	959-840	C	839-720	D	719-Below	F	Exams	500 points (Five exams worth a maximum of 100 points.)	Research Project	200 points	Discussion Board Activities	100 points (Four discussions worth 25 points each)	Quizzes	100 points (Five Quizzes at 20 points each)	Chapter Assignments	100 points (Four Chapter Assignments worth 25 points each)	Comprehensive Final Exam	200 Points	Total points	1200 points
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Attendance Policy	<p>All students are expected to log in to Angel on a regular basis. Attendance will be evaluated based on turning assignments in on time, e-mail contact, chatroom and group discussions.</p>
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Other Pertinent Information	<p>In fairness to all students, <u>no assignments</u> will be accepted late. All work must be turned in on the scheduled date and time. Make-up exams may be given if a valid excuse is presented at the instructor's discretion. Students must send me and e-mail if they are not going to take an exam at the scheduled time. All students who do not make up exams, will receive a zero. All e-mails must be sent through Angel. Please do not send an e-mail from your personal account. If a student has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the instructor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student MUST have an acceptable word processing program installed on the computer he or she will be using to complete course work. • The student MUST have Internet connectivity and an acceptable Web browser (see course information in Angel) to complete course work. • Each student will be provided an Angel account for course communication. This account will provide the portal to all online materials. <p>It is the student's responsibility to check the Course website and his or her email on a regular basis. In a case whereas the NCTC website is down, please type in the following: www.angel.nctc.edu .</p>
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	<p>If a student should experience problems accessing the course material in Angel OR sending/receiving email, it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor immediately.</p> <p><u>Chat Room and Discussion Board Rules</u></p> <p>The chat room and discussion board should only be used for the purpose of discussing class related material. When using the chat room and discussion board, please refrain from using profanity or any other offensive language, gossiping about classmates etc. If evidence is found that anyone has used the chat room or the discussion board to have discussions that are not related to the class, will loose 20 points from their final grade.</p>
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<i>Scholastic Integrity</i>	<p>Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. See <i>Student Handbook</i> "Student Rights & Responsibilities: Student Conduct [FLB-(LOCAL)]" #18.</p>
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<i>ADA Statement</i>	<p>North Central Texas College does not discriminate on the basis of disability for admission or access to its programs. The College is committed to providing equal access to its students with disabilities by providing appropriate accommodations; a variety of services and resources are made available through the ACCESS Department. Students are responsible for notifying the ACCESS Department of their need for assistance. Students with documented disabilities, such as mobility impairment, hearing or visual impairment, learning, and/or psychological disorders are eligible for services. The Corinth ACCESS Department is located in Room 120. The Gainesville ACCESS Department is located in ASC 108 (next door to the bookstore). For assistance, stop by one of these offices or call Beverly Neu Menassa at (940) 498-6207 on the Corinth Campus or Mary Martinson at (940) 668-4216 on the Gainesville Campus. In addition, students can access information online at http://www.nctc.edu/Student_Services/Access/Access_program.html.</p>
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<i>EEOC Statement</i>	<p>North Central Texas College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in the employment or the provision of services.</p>
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<i>Web Page</i>	<p>Visit the North Central Texas College web page for information on registration, financial aid, counseling/advising, and cost of tuition and fees. You will also find information on the catalog and semester schedules as well as courses of study. You can keep up with what is happening on campus by checking the calendar of events and the sports news. The web has information on the library as well as links to other areas of interest. Check out our web page at http://www.nctc.edu.</p>
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<i>Calendar</i>	<u>Week I Orientation</u>
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Must be complete by 3:00 p.m. on September 1.

Week II

1. Read chapter 1
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. **Answer discussion board**
4. Complete short quiz

Week III

1. Read chapter 2
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. **Answer questions at the end of chapter 2**
4. *Take Exam I*

Week IV

1. Read chapter 3
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. Complete short quiz
4. **Complete essay number I**

Week V

1. Read chapter 4
2. Listen to lecture in cd
3. **Answer discussion board question**
4. **Answer questions at the end of chapter 4**
5. *Complete Exam II*

Week VI

1. Read chapter 5
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. Complete short quiz
4. Read posted article

Week VII

1. Read Chapter 6
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. **Answer questions at the end of chapter 6**
4. **Answer discussion board question**
5. *Complete Exam III*

Week VIII

1. Read chapter 7
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. Complete short quiz
4. **Complete essay number II**

Week IX

1. Read chapter 8
2. Listen to lecture on cd
3. **Complete questions at the end of chapter 9**
4. *Complete Exam IV*

	<p><u>Week X</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read chapter 9 2. Listen to lecture on cd 3. Complete short quiz 4. Read posted article <p><u>Week XI</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read chapter 10 2. Listen to lecture on cd 3. Complete short quiz <p><u>Week XII</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read chapter 11 2. Listen lecture on cd <p>3. Complete Exam V</p> <p><u>Week XIII</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read chapter 14 2. Listen lecture on cd 3. Answer question at the end of chapter 14 4. Complete short practice quiz (optional) <p><u>Week XIV</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read chapter 17 2. Listen lecture on cd 3. Complete essay III 4. Complete short practice quiz (optional) <p><u>Week XV</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review for finals 2. Answer discussion board question for extra credit <p><u>Week XVI</u></p> <p>Final exam</p> <p>Note: Please be mindful that this is a tentative calendar and changes can be made at instructor's discretion. The instructor will notify students of any changes.</p>
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Unit Competencies

Unit I

The student will:

1. Be able to explain the criminal justice system
2. Be able to explain the rule of law

Unit II

1. Explain the operation of law enforcement
2. Paraphrase the United States Constitution

Unit III

1. Discuss the correctional system
2. Know the impact of the correctional system