

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 200  
INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
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**CLASS SCHEDULE** MWF 12:00-12:50  
**CLASSROOM:** 100 College Hall  
**REQUIRED TEXT:** "Exploring Criminal Justice: The Essentials"(4<sup>th</sup>)  
Robert M. Regoli/John D. Hewitt

**COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

This introductory course is designed to familiarize students with the various facets of the American criminal justice system, its sub-systems and how they interrelate, the processing of offenders, punishment and its alternatives, and future trends. Thus, attention will focus on the development of policing, courts, and the correctional system.

**CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE:**

Students should attend each scheduled class meeting since test performance and course grade depend greatly on lecture material, class discussions, special assignments, guest speakers, and assigned readings from the text. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class. If you are late for class it is your responsibility to let me know you were in attendance and to sign the seating chart. *YOU ARE ALLOWED FIVE (5) EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IN THIS CLASS.* Five points will be deducted from your class total for each additional absence. There is no need to contact me beforehand about an intended absence nor to provide excuses afterward.

**CLASSROOM RULES:**

NO cellular phones/pagers/iPods/iPhones, Blackberries, etc.  
NO recording devices/computers  
NO food, drinks (except water), or tobacco products  
NO caps/hats

**THE OPERATION OF CELL PHONES (INCLUDING TEXTING), PAGERS, iPods, iPhones, BLACKBERRIES, ETC. WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE CLASSROOM AND A GRADE OF "F" IN THE COURSE. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A FORM ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THIS POLICY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.**

## **GRADING**

A student's grade in this course will be computed using a combination of test scores and any in-class work. Some extra credit might be possible by attending drug court and/or special activities.

## **EXAMS**

There will be four (4) equally weighted exams given throughout the semester. Each exam will contain a variety of objective/subjective items. The test material will come from class lectures, the text, and classroom discussions. "Pop" tests are also a possibility.

**MAKE UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES AND ONLY FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

## **GRADING SCALE**

**TOTAL POINTS IN COURSE = 400\***

A = 90-100% (360-400)  
B = 80-89% (320-359)  
C = 70-79% (280-319)  
D = 60-69% (240-279)  
F = Under 60 % (239 or less)

\*Total points could vary if "pop" tests are given. However, the grading scale will remain the same: A = 90%, B = 80%, etc. of the total points.

## **CHEATING/PLAGIARISM**

Cheating on exams or in association with other class assignments will NOT be tolerated. Cheating is unacceptable under any circumstance, but especially so for those aspiring to careers in criminal justice. When it occurs, no points or credit will be given.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

Mailing Address: The University of Southern Mississippi  
Office for Disability Accommodations  
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Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the Mississippi Relay Service at 1-800-582-2233 (TTY) or email Suzy Hebert at [Suzanne.Hebert@usm.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Hebert@usm.edu)

## TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT 1: CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Chapter 1: Overview of Criminal Justice  
Chapter 2: Criminal Law: The Foundation of Criminal Justice  
Chapter 3: The Nature and Causes of Crime  
Chapter 14: Terrorism and Cybercrime  
EXAM #1: September 16
- UNIT 2: THE POLICE  
Chapter 4: Police History and Organization  
Chapter 5: Police and the Law  
Chapter 6: Critical Issues in Policing  
EXAM #2: October 14
- UNIT 3: THE COURTS  
Chapter 7: The Criminal Courts: Structure and Process  
Chapter 8: The Trial  
Chapter 9: Sentencing  
EXAM #3: November 11
- UNIT 4: CORRECTIONS AND SPECIAL ISSUES  
Chapter 10: Corrections History and Structure  
Chapter 11: Prisons  
Chapter 12: Corrections in the Community  
Chapter 13: The Juvenile Justice System  
FINAL EXAM: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9 10:45-1:15

## IMPORTANT DATES

- September 1: Last day to drop without financial penalty  
September 7: Labor Day  
September 30: Last day to drop without academic penalty  
October 8-9 : Fall Break  
November 25-27: Thanksgiving break  
December 9: Final Exam 10:45-1:15

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August		19	21
	24	26	28
	31		
September		2	4
	7	9	11
	14	16	18
	21	23	25
	28	30	
October			2
	5	7	9
	12	14	16
	19	21	23
	26	28	30
November	2	4	6
	9	11	13
	16	18	20
	23	25	27
	30		
December		2	

