



CJ-100 The American Criminal Justice System

Description:

This course helps students discover the challenges of pursuing justice in our society and identifies the roles individuals play in the criminal justice system. Using an interdisciplinary lens, CJ-100 The American Criminal Justice System, presents elements from criminology, sociology, law, history, psychology, and political science, and challenges students to ask questions and recognize contemporary problems as the means to build an understanding of the system as well as its human consequences and policy challenges. Through solid scholarship and compelling examples, students prepare for their roles as citizens and future criminal justice practitioners. This course includes relevant digital learning solutions that power students' mastery of key concepts while engaging them with video cases, career scenarios, visual summaries, and more.

Textbook: *The American System of Criminal Justice*, 16th Edition – Cole, Smith, DeJong
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Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Discuss how public policies on crime are formed.
- Discuss the impacts of crime on society.
- Describe the theories put forward to explain criminal behavior.
- Discuss the different responsibilities of federal and state criminal justice operations.
- Analyze the United States Supreme Court's role in interpreting the criminal justice amendments to the Constitution.

Contents:

Ch 1: Crime and Justice in America
Ch 2: Victimization and Criminal Behavior
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Ch 8: Police and Constitutional Law
Ch 9: Courts and Pretrial Processes

Ch 10: Prosecution and Defense
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Ch 12: Punishment and Sentencing
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Ch 15: Incarceration and Prison Society
Ch 16: Reentry Into the Community
Ch 17: Juvenile Justice

Grading Scale (70% required for passing)

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89.9%
C = 70-79.9%
F = Below 70%

Grade Weighting

Chapter Quizzes..... 50%
Activities 20%
Final Exam **30%**
100%