

# **Criminal Justice**

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## **Course Description:**

Introduction to Criminal Justice is the study of the agencies and processes involved in the criminal justice system, including the legislature, the courts, and corrections; an analysis of the roles and problems of the criminal justice system in a democratic society with an emphasis on 4th, 5th, & 6th amendment considerations during police investigations, arrest, in pre-trial procedures, and while moving through the justice system. Careers in policing will be examined, including ethical considerations and standard protocols and dilemmas facing law enforcement on a daily basis such as matters involving use of force and the force continuum, so that students can make an informed decision whether or to pursue the full range of careers and postsecondary opportunities the criminal justice fields.

## **Assessment Strategies:**

The following will be used in the evaluation of students: Weekly assignments, Tests (after each chapter is completed), quizzes (to test for reading assignments and vocabulary), research paper (3-5 Pages), homework, various projects, presentations, cooperative learning activities, online discussions, and self-assessment.

## **CAREER POSSIBILITIES:**

Career possibilities include:

### Law Enforcement Careers

- Police Officer
- County Sheriff / Deputy Sheriff
- State Trooper / Highway Patrol Officer
- Game Warden / Conservation Officer
- Detective
- Canine Officer / K9 Handler
- Animal Cruelty Investigator
- Park Ranger

### Federal Law Enforcement Careers

- FBI Special Agent
- DEA Agent
- Secret Service Special Agent
- ICE Special Agent
- Federal Air Marshal
- CBP Officer
- Immigration Officer, FDNS
- Diplomatic Security Special Agent
- CIA Agent
- Deputy U.S. Marshal
- ATF Special Agent

- [Transportation Security Officer \(TSO\)](#)
- [Border Patrol Agent](#)
- [U.S. Capitol Police](#)
- [U.S. Postal Service Inspector](#)
- [Director of Airport Security](#)

### Correctional Careers

- [Correctional Officer](#)
- [Correctional Counselor](#)
- [Parole Officer](#)
- [Probation Officer](#)
- [Juvenile Probation Officer](#)
- [Federal Probation Officer](#)
- Victim Witness Assistant – *coming soon*

### Forensic Science / CSI Careers

- [Crime Scene Investigator \(CSI\) – Forensic Examiner](#)
- [Latent Print Examiner – Finger Print Examiner](#)
- [Forensic Accountant](#)
- [Forensic Anthropologist](#)
- [Forensic Artist](#)
- [Forensic Hypnotist](#)
- [Forensic Nurse](#)
- [Forensic Pathologist](#)
- [Forensic Psychologist](#)
- [Forensic Serologist](#)
- [Forensic Toxicologist](#)

### Legal / Court Careers

- [Judge](#)
- [Defense Attorney](#)
- [Paralegal, Legal Assistant, or Legal Researcher](#)
- [Court Clerk](#)
- Juvenile Court Judge – *see: Judge*
- Probate Judge – *see: Judge*
- [Prosecutor](#)
- Bailiff – *coming soon*
- Pre-trial Officer – *coming soon*
- Juvenile Court Register – *coming soon*

### Private Security and Contractor Careers

- [Loss Prevention Officer – Loss Prevention Manager](#)
- [Bounty Hunter – Bail Enforcement Agent](#)
- [Security Officer](#)
- Fraud Investigator – *see: Private Investigator*
- Insurance Investigator – *see: Private Investigator*
- [Private Investigator](#)
- Security Analyst – *coming soon*
- Security Operations Manager – *coming soon*

#### Other Criminal Justice Careers

- Public Safety Officer
- Community Liaison Officer
- Constable
- Mounted Police Officer

#### **COURSE PHILOSOPHY / OUTCOMES:**

Students will, upon completion, be able to demonstrate knowledge of the facts, concepts and theories pertaining to Criminal Justice, to understand the integrative functioning and independent functioning of America's criminal justice system, and to be able to analyze and interpret data and relationships in and among the various aspects of the Criminal Justice system in the United States.

#### **Text Book:**

The Text that will be used in this class is "Introduction to Criminal Justice" Written by Larry Siegel & John Worrall. Cengage Learning, 2014 ISBN 978-1-305-26104-4

#### **GRADING MEASUREMENT:**

All individual assignments, examinations or other work products are graded on the basis of assigned point values. The individual assignments, examinations or other work products are then averaged within each category noted under General Coursework Requirements. These averages comprise the weighted basis for the quarterly and semester grades as noted in Semester Evaluations. Students will be awarded grades for work as noted. Assignments are due on dates given no late work accepted. Exceptions are made on teacher discretion.

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = Below 60%

#### **GENERAL WRITING CRITERIA:**

Proper MLA format is required for all used in written assignments. Plagiarism will not be tolerated; a grade of 0% for the assignment and a possible referral for disciplinary action may be awarded for any documented case of plagiarism.