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Class Hours & Location: Ferguson 371/ TR @ 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Office Hours:
- Monday 9:00 pm – 11:00 am
- Tuesday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- Thursday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Additional hours by appointment only¹

Required textbook:

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Course Description:
Legal and philosophical foundations of the juvenile justice system with respect to recent legislative and judicial mandates and social science research. Suggested background: SOC353.

Program Learning Objectives:
The learning objectives specifically outlines in the “Criminal Justice Learning Outcomes Matrix by Course” for CJS 411 include:
- The student will demonstrate an understanding of the three major components of the CJS, and the concepts of policing, corrections, juvenile justice, probation and parole, and victimology.
- The student will demonstrate an understanding of the social, political, economic, and cultural factors that influence the development of criminological theory and its application to criminal behaviors.
- The student will demonstrate an awareness of ethical issues in criminal justice, and how to use ethical reasoning to formulate decisions and promote positive organizational and professional trust.

¹ My general office policy is, “if my door is open then I am available to help you.” Do not hesitate to drop by for help or to talk outside my regular office hours if my door is open. Note that I will generally at the Bradshaw State Jail on Thursday afternoons so plan on me not being on campus during those times.
Attendance Policy:
Students are expected to attend all class sessions on a regular and punctual basis. Attendance will be taken during each course session for financial aid purposes and reported to the university for this purpose. Students who are more than five minutes late may not be allowed to enter the classroom (if there is some legitimate reason, in the professor's judgment, that you will be late contact the professor prior to the beginning of class by email, telephone, or text message). Note that attendance is not part of the course grade, however, students are responsible for all material covered in class and obtaining course notes and assignment information from someone other than the professor.

Grading Policy
Final course grades will be assessed on the following scale:

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Required Course Work:
- **Reading and classroom participation:** Reading assignments are to be completed prior to class according to the course outline. Students are expected to be familiar enough with assigned reading to be enabled to apply the material to class discussions as well as to respond to written and oral questions based on the readings. Each class period students are able to earn 1-3 participation points based on answers to randomly assigned questions about assigned reading and active discussion in class.
- **Exams:** There will be three exams, each one following a major section of the course (theory, environmental influences, and juvenile justice system). All exams will be hosted on D2L and essay in format.
- **Literature review assignment:** Students will submit an 8-10-page literature review on a topic relevant to the juvenile justice system in the United States. Papers will conform to the expectations provided in “Dr. Day’s Literature Review Writing Guide.” Papers should be submitted through turnitin.com no later than midnight on November 16th. Students are invited to make an appointment with Dr. Day before November 9th to review a draft of their papers. All draft reviews will be done during office hours and electronic submission of drafts will not be accepted or reviewed.

Incomplete course work: Late assignments will not be accepted and make-up exams will not be permitted without approval obtained from the instructor based on extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to: military deployment, religious holidays/observances, court appearances, jury duty, family emergencies, personal or immediate family illness, or participation in student athletics or other university approved activity.

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Please note the following course policies regarding course work missed as a result of absences:
- Students who miss exams because of participation in student athletics or other university approved activities will be permitted to take a make-up exam at the professor’s convenience. Such students will also be allowed to make up assignments given or completed in class on the day of the approved absence.
- Students who miss exams for reasons other than student athletics or other university approved activities will need to provide acceptable documentation of the absence. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to: notices from doctors/medical providers on
official stationary that include the date(s) of illness; published obituaries that include date of funeral services; copy of military orders; or a copy of jury duty summons or other judicial document supporting a court appearance.

- Students are given advance notice of all course actives, exams, assignments, etc. through the course schedule on this syllabus. Plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to complete assignments as assignments will **not** be accepted late except at the discretion of the professor.

- **Procedure for missed exams**: students who miss exams will report to the professor’s office on the 1st business day (except Fridays) following the absence during regularly scheduled office hours. Students with classes during these times are required to contact the professor by email within 24 hours of their absence. Students who do not follow this policy will forfeit the opportunity to make up exams.

**Conduct**: students are expected to act in a professional manner at all times in the classroom. Professionalism includes, but is not limited to, displaying civility and courtesy to everyone in class and not engaging in activity that distracts other students or the professor. *Students failing to act in a professional manner may be asked to leave the classroom and penalized up to 10% of the overall course grade. Students that have to be asked to leave more than once will fail the class.*

- Electronic devices: Students are not permitted to use laptop computers or tablets to aid in note taking or any other purpose without prior consent from the professor. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted unless the student has received prior approval from the professor. The use of cellular telephones during class time for any reason is prohibited. Students who violate these policies may be asked to leave the classroom at the professor’s discretion and penalized up to 10% of the overall course grade.

- Note on courtesy: engaging in some activity other than actively listening and participating in class is considered to disrespectful to the professor. Students who listen to music, “surf” the internet, watch videos, study or work on assignments for other classes, read books, or sleep in class will be subject to the penalty for violating this conduct policy as stated above.

- For further information related to student conduct go to: [http://www.sfasu.edu/regents/docs/review/july_16_2013/Student_Conduct_Code%28D-34.1%29.pdf](http://www.sfasu.edu/regents/docs/review/july_16_2013/Student_Conduct_Code%28D-34.1%29.pdf)

**Academic dishonesty**: Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity avoiding all forms of cheating, illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, unwarranted access to instructor’s solutions’ manuals, plagiarism, forgery, collusion and submissions of the same assignment to multiple courses. Please refer to [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_academic_dishonesty.pdf](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_academic_dishonesty.pdf) to learn about the university’s academic dishonesty policy which will be strictly enforced by the professor.
Disabled Student Policy:

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For further information regarding academic accommodation for students with disabilities go to: http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic-accomodation-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf

Course Withdrawal and Withheld Grades:

For information regarding course withdrawal go to: http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-add-drop.pdf. The last day to drop this course without a grade of WP or WF is Oct. 25.

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Class Schedule – subject to change at instructor’s discretion

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