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 our nation’s correctional system.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:
All students at The University of Southern Mississippi are expected to demonstrate the highest levels of academic integrity in all that they do. Forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to):
- Cheating (including copying from others’ work)
- Plagiarism (representing another person’s words or ideas as your own; failure to properly cite the source of your information, argument, or concepts)
- Falsification of documents
- Disclosure of test or other assignment content to another student
- Submission of the same paper or other assignment to more than one class without the explicit approval of all faculty members involved
- Unauthorized academic collaboration with others
- Conspiracy to engage in academic misconduct

Engaging in any of these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or other sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student has violated our Academic Integrity Policy, sanctions ranging from resubmission of work to course failure may occur, including the possibility of receiving a grade of “XF” for the course, which will be on the student’s transcript with the notation “Failure due to academic misconduct.” For more details, please see the University’s Academic Integrity Policy: (https://www.usm.edu/institutional-policy-acaf-pro-012%20). Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the university.
CLASSROOM RULES
NO cellular phones/pagers/iPODS/iPHONES/Blackberries
NO recording devices/computers
NO food, drinks, or tobacco products
NO caps/hats

THE OPERATION OF CELL PHONES (INCLUDING TEXTING), PAGERS, IPODS, iPHONES, AND BLACKBERRIES 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.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE
Students should attend each scheduled class meeting since test performance and course grades depend greatly on lecture material, class discussion, 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. **YOU ARE ALLOWED THREE (3) EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IN THIS CLASS.** Ten (10) points will be deducted from your point total for each additional absence. There is no need to contact me beforehand about an intended absence nor to provide excuses afterward.

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 is possible for attending drug court and/or special activities.

EXAMS
There will be four (4) equally weighted exams given throughout the semester. Each exam will be worth 100 points and contain a variety of objective/subjective items. Test material will come from class/guest lectures, the text, and classroom discussions. “Pop” tests are a possibility. **THE FINAL EXAM IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE. MAKE UP EXAMS (ESSAY) WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES BUT ONLY FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

GRADING SCALE

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*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.*
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 (ADA) 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
118 College Drive #8586
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001
Voice Telephone: (601) 266-5024  (228) 214-3232  FAX (601) 266-6035
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

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

UNIT 1: CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Chapter 1: The American Criminal Justice System
Chapter 2: Measuring Crime and Crime Theory
Chapter 3: Criminal Law: The Foundation of Criminal Justice
Chapter 14: Terrorism and Cybercrime
EXAM #1 SEPTEMBER 7

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 5

UNIT 3: COURTS
Chapter 7: The Criminal Courts: Structure and Process
Chapter 8: The Trial
Chapter 9: Sentencing
EXAM #3 NOVEMBER 9

UNIT 4: CORRECTIONS
Chapter 10: Corrections History and Structure
Chapter 11: Prisons
Chapter 12: Corrections in the Community
Chapter 13: The Juvenile Justice System

FINAL EXAM: MONDAY DECEMBER 4 8:00-10:30 AM
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**AUGUST 23:** Last day to drop/add courses without academic/financial penalty  
Last day to drop without grade of W  
Last to withdraw and receive 100% tuition refund; after this date, no tuition whatsoever will be returned.

**September 7:** EXAM #1

**October 5:** EXAM #2

**October 19-20:** FALL BREAK

**October 27:** Last day to withdraw from the university and receive a grade of W; after this date, a letter grade will be assigned for all enrolled courses

**November 9:** EXAM #3

**November 22-24** Thanksgiving holiday

**FINAL EXAM:** MONDAY DECEMBER 4  8:00-10:30 AM

**SPRING 2017 COURSE CALENDAR**

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