CJ 200 – INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
FALL 2017
SYLLABUS

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COURSE DATE: Online
TERM DATES: AUGUST 16 TO DECEMBER 1, 2017

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
TITLE: Exploring Criminal Justice
AUTHORS: Robert Regoli, John Hewitt, Anna Kosloski
ISBN: 978-443-5000
PUBLISHER: Jones & Bartlett Learning

REQUIRED READING:
TITLE: The Devil's Knot: The True Story of the West Memphis Three
AUTHOR: Mara Leveritt
PUBLISHER: Atria Books

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To provide the student with an understanding of the:
1). U.S. criminal justice system.
2). History of criminal justice (English Tradition).
3). Role of the police in the criminal justice system.
4). “Arrest” process.
5). U.S. judicial system at the federal, state and local levels.
6). Role of prosecutors and defense attorneys in the criminal justice system.
7). Role of “judges” in the criminal justice system.
8). Background (history) of the U.S. Correctional System.
9). Alternatives to incarceration.
10). “Pros” and “cons” of the death penalty.

COURSE GRADING:
A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = <60
GRADING ASSESSMENT:

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<td>3 Exams (100 points each)</td>
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COURSE GRADING SCALE:

A = 405-450 Points  
B = 360-404 Points  
C = 315-359 Points  
D = 270-314 Points  
F = < 270 Points

EXAMS:
There will be three (3) exams for this class. The exams will contain Multiple Choice, True/False, and Short Answer questions. An exam review will be held in class one week prior to the exam. All exam dates will be revealed in class.

CLASS DISCUSSIONS:
There will be ten (10) class discussions valued at ten (10) points each. The discussion questions will come from the weekly text chapter readings. Your response should be written in a logical manner, with correct spelling and grammar. You MUST discuss the topic with your fellow students to obtain full credit.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:
The last day to add/drop without Academic/Financial Penalty is August 23. After this date, no tuition refund whatsoever will be issued, and all approved drops will result in a grade of "W." After October 27, no course withdrawals are permitted (meaning the student will receive an actual grade in the course).

ATTENDANCE POLICY:
It is extremely important that students interact and participate in class discussions; and as a result, it is imperative that students attend class on a regular basis to achieve this goal. With that stated, no more than three (3) unexcused absences are allowed for this class. If a student has 4 or more unexcused absences, he/she will receive a one letter reduction in grade. Students are expected to come to class on time.

CLASSROOM DEMEANOR:
Students are expected to conduct themselves in appropriate manner. No disruptive behavior will be tolerated. Laptop computers will be permitted in class for note taking purposes only. Texting is NOT permitted in class unless student has an emergency situation. If a student continues to text message after a warning the student will be instructed to leave the class.
**EXAM MAKE-UP POLICY**

Students are expected to take examinations on the scheduled date and time. In the event of a missed exam, the make-up will be taken (if permitted) at the Instructor’s discretion. To qualify for this privilege, the Instructor must be notified in advance preferably by email or in case of an unavoidable emergency, as soon thereafter as possible.

**ADA SYLLABUS STATEMENT:**

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office of 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 only contact ODA if they are NOT certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

**Mailing Address:**
The University of Southern Mississippi
Office of Disability Accommodations
118 College Drive #8586
Hattiesburg, MS. 39406-0001

**Contact Information:**
Telephone: (601) 266-5024
TTY: (601) 266-683-6837
FAX: (601) 266-6035

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY SYLLABUS STATEMENT:**

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 these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student 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 refer to the University's Academic Integrity Policy: [http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies-acaf-pro-012](http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies-acaf-pro-012). Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the USM.
**ON-LINE LEARNING:**
This course will be utilizing the Canvas Learning System. Students should contact the Office Of On-Line Learning at online.usm.edu or 601-266-5518. Student support and Canvas training is available through the USM Office of On-Line Learning. Any/all questions regarding Canvas should be directed to them.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

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Nov. 6  Chapter Ten  Text

Nov. 13  Chapter Eleven  Text

Nov. 20  Thanksgiving Holidays (No Classes 11-22 to 11-24)
Nov. 20  Chapter Twelve  Text

Nov. 27  Chapter Thirteen  Text

Dec. 1  LAST DAY OF CLASS / Class Review

Dec. 6  FINAL EXAM

*****NOTE: The Instructor Reserves the right to amend the course syllabus at any time. Students

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23  Last day to add/drop full term classes without academic or financial penalty.
August 23  Last day to drop full term classes without a grade of “W.”
September 4  Labor Day Holiday
October 19-20  Fall Break
October 27  Last day to withdraw from full term classes with grade of “W.”
November 1  Last day to file application for degree for Spring 2018 Commencement without a fee.
November 22-24  Thanksgiving Holidays
December 1  Last day of class
December 4-7  Final Exams
December 13  Grades available for review in SOAR