

JUST A110 – FALL 2009
INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE

TR 1:00-2:15 (PSB 166)

Professor:	Dr. André B. Rosay	Office:	LIB 213P
Phone #:	786-1821	Office Hours:	TR 3 to 4 pm
E-mail:	afabr@uaa.alaska.edu		and by appointment

Course Description:

This course is a survey of philosophies, functions and methods of social control with an emphasis on the role of law and those involved in its administration – police, courts, and correction organizations. This course includes the study of history, organization, processes, and problems related to law and justice agencies in a heterogeneous, democratic society. More specifically, you will learn about the criminal justice process (police, courts, and corrections) and the juvenile justice system.

Required Readings:

There is one required textbook for this class.

Cole, G. F., & Smith, C. E. (2008). *Criminal Justice in America* (5th Ed.).
Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth.

Class Requirements and Grading:

There are four non-cumulative exams and 14 quizzes. Each exam covers three to four chapters and is worth 100 points. Each quiz covers one chapter and is worth 10 points. Your grade will be computed as the sum of all exams and quizzes. The following scale will then be applied:

0 to 323 - guarantees you at least an F
324 to 377 - guarantees you at least a D
378 to 431 - guarantees you at least a C
432 to 485 - guarantees you at least a B
486 to 540 - guarantees you an A

Exams are non-cumulative. All exams will be in-class. All exams are closed-book/notes. All exams will be curved so that the highest grade is a perfect score. For example, if the highest grade is 95 out of 100, everyone in the class will have 5 points added to their grade so that the highest grade becomes a 100 out of 100. Additional curves will not be used on individual exams. The final grade need not be a perfect score.

Each chapter quiz will be available on **Blackboard**. All quizzes are open-notes. **Chapter quizzes must be taken prior to in-class exams** (see class outline). Quizzes for Chapters 1, 2, and 3 must be taken by Tuesday 9/17, 1PM; quizzes for Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7 by Tuesday 10/13, 1PM; quizzes for Chapters 8, 9, and 10 by Tuesday 11/10, 1PM; and quizzes for Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14 by Tuesday 12/08, 1PM.

Blackboard (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/classes/>):

Chapter quizzes will be available on Blackboard. All students must access Blackboard to complete the quizzes.

For detailed information on how to access and use Blackboard, please go to the student resources page at: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/classes/studentresources>. In addition, please see me if you have any problems accessing or using Blackboard. I will be happy to help you!

Please make sure that you can access Blackboard. If you have any problems, please let me know.

Class Attendance:

Attendance is absolutely mandatory. This is a very rigorous course. Missing classes will put you at a great disadvantage. In order to encourage class participation, extra-credit quizzes may be given at the professor's discretion if class attendance is low. Private tutorials will not be given by the professor if you miss classes. It will be your responsibility to find out what you have missed and to catch up. Perfect attendance is crucial to performing well in this class. You must inform the professor when you miss a class. Please e-mail the professor within two days of missing a class. If possible, it is preferable to contact the professor before missing a class.

Make-up Work:

Make-up quizzes and exams will be given only in situations in which the student has a University-recognized absence (see your UAA Catalog). These include illness, religious observance, participation in University activities at the request of University authorities, and compelling circumstances beyond the student's control. Official documentation must be provided to your professor. No make-up exam or quiz will be given without verified official documentation. Make-up options may take various forms (e.g., oral, essay) and may involve additional work. You must contact your professor within one day (24 hours) of a missed quiz or exam for getting a make-up option. Make-up options for quizzes will be difficult to obtain. Make-up options will not be provided for last minute computer problems.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic integrity is a basic principle that requires that students take credit only for ideas and efforts that are their own. Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty are defined, in part, as the submission of materials in assignments, exams, or other academic work that is based on sources prohibited by the faculty member. Please refer to the "Student Code of Conduct" for a full definition of academic dishonesty. To falsify the results of one's research, to steal the words or ideas of another, to cheat on an examination, or to allow another to commit an act of academic dishonesty corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced. It is the official policy of the University of Alaska that all allegations of Code violations be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. **This policy will be strictly followed.**

Academic dishonesty on an exam will result in a grade of zero for that exam, with no possibility of a make-up. All violations will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs.

Student Health and Counseling Services

Student Affairs counselors provide assistance with concerns affecting academic success, such as stress, situational crises, alcohol and other drug issues, and life changes. Other services include sexual assault counseling support, referrals to community agencies, including sexual orientation resource referrals, and educational workshops on responding to personal life issues. To learn more about the services available, call 786-4040 or visit the Student Health and Counseling Center online at: <http://edit.uaa.alaska.edu/studenthealth/>. Though I am not a counselor, please feel free to see me with any concerns that you may have. I will do my best to provide you with an appropriate referral.

Disability Support Services

At the University of Alaska Anchorage, providing equal opportunities for students who experience disabilities is a campus-wide responsibility and commitment. Disability Support Services (DSS) is the designated UAA department responsible for coordinating academic support services for students who experience disabilities. Please contact DSS should you need their services (786-4530[voice] or 786-4536[TTY]).

Student Rights, Freedoms, and Responsibilities

Each student is responsible for knowing UAA policies, procedures and deadlines. Policies and regulations may be found in the University Catalog, the student handbook, and in the Office of Student Affairs.

Your Academic Rights

The University has the responsibility of providing a program of high quality education in keeping with its financial resources; students have protection through campus-specific procedures against arbitrary or capricious academic evaluation. Student performance shall be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students have the right to be informed at the beginning of each term of the nature of the course, course expectations, evaluation standards, and the grading system. If you believe that your academic rights have been violated, please discuss the matter with me. If the matter has not been resolved to your satisfaction after meeting with me, you should refer to the UAA Catalog for the student dispute / complaint resolution process.

Harassment

The University of Alaska Anchorage is a community that cherishes free and open exchange of ideas in the pursuit of knowledge. Maintaining this freedom and openness requires the presence of safety and trust; it requires the absence of coercion, intimidation, and exploitation. Therefore, harassment of any kind – particularly sexual harassment – has no place in the University.

Safety

We care about your safety on campus. While relatively safe, our campus is not a sanctuary from crime, and accidents still occur, no matter how hard we try to prevent them. You are encouraged to be responsible for your own safety and to bring safety concerns to the attention of UAA faculty or staff, or to contact University Police at 786-4911 when you observe an unsafe environment. For your own safety, please take time to locate the nearest exits and emergency telephones when you are in campus buildings.

TENTATIVE CLASS OUTLINE

DATE	TOPIC	READING
Tue 08/25	The Criminal Justice System	Ch. 1
Thu 08/27	The Criminal Justice System	Ch. 1
Tue 09/01	Crime and Justice in America	Ch. 2
Thu 09/03	Crime and Justice in America	Ch. 2
Tue 09/08	No Class	
Thu 09/10	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law	Ch. 3
Tue 09/15	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law	Ch. 3
Thu 09/17	EXAM #1	
Tue 09/22	Police	Ch. 4
Thu 09/24	Police Officers and Law Enforcement Operations	Ch. 5
Tue 09/29	Police Officers and Law Enforcement Operations	Ch. 5
Thu 10/01	Policing: Contemporary Issues and Challenges	Ch. 6
Tue 10/06	Policing: Contemporary Issues and Challenges	Ch. 6
Thu 10/08	Police and Constitutional Law	Ch. 7
Tue 10/13	EXAM #2	
Thu 10/15	Courts and Adjudication	Ch. 8
Tue 10/20	Courts and Adjudication	Ch. 8
Thu 10/22	Pretrial Procedures, Plea-Bargaining, Criminal Trial	Ch. 9
Tue 10/27	Pretrial Procedures, Plea-Bargaining, Criminal Trial	Ch. 9
Thu 10/29	Punishment and Sentencing	Ch. 10
Tue 11/03	No Class	
Thu 11/05	No Class	
Tue 11/10	EXAM #3	
Thu 11/12	Corrections	Ch. 11
Tue 11/17	Community Corrections	Ch. 12
Thu 11/19	Community Corrections	Ch. 12
Tue 11/24	Incarceration and Prison Society	Ch. 13
Thu 11/26	No Class	
Tue 12/01	Incarceration and Prison Society	Ch. 13
Thu 12/03	Reentry into the Community	Ch. 14

EXAM #4 on Tuesday 12/08 at 1:00PM