

## JUSTICE A110:602 - Introduction to Justice Fall 2009

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**Meeting Time and Place:** MW 10:00-11:15 am, SSB 118

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**Office:** MW: 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
**Hours:** Other times by appointment

### **Course Description:**

Survey of philosophies, functions and methods of social control with emphasis on role of law and those involved in its administration -- police, courts and corrections organizations. Includes study of history, organization processes and problems related to law and justice agencies in a heterogeneous, democratic society. This course is a prerequisite to most Justice courses. It is also a Social Sciences General Education Requirements course.

### **Course Goals:**

This course is designed to give Justice majors, minors, and non-majors an introduction to the concepts and institutions that comprise our system of justice, not only criminal justice, but also civil and social justice. Another objective is to acquaint students with the historical and philosophical foundations and the organization and processes of the agencies that constitute the present justice system. The course should provide justice majors with broad, fundamental knowledge on which future justice courses will be based. All students should obtain more thorough understanding of police, legal and correctional institutions and their relationships to our society and its citizens.

### **Texts:**

Fuller, John Randolph. 2010. Criminal Justice: Mainstream and Crosscurrents. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc. [REQUIRED]

A copy of this textbook is available on Reserve at the Consortium Library.

### **Course Grading:**

Grading is based on four components—tests, Blackboard or computer-based assignments, writing assignments, and attendance.

1. Tests - There are four tests, each at the end of the first four units of the required textbook. **Each test is worth 15 points, for a total of 60% of your overall grade.**
  - Test 1 – chapters 1-4
  - Test 2 – chapters 5-7
  - Test 3 – chapters 8-10
  - Test 4 – chapters 11-13 (Test 4 will occur during the final exam period, but it is NOT cumulative.)
2. Blackboard assignments:
  - a. By **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, log on to the class site at Blackboard and complete a small on-line quiz. The main purpose of this assignment is to give you experience using Blackboard for testing. The material covered on this quiz includes this syllabus and the UAA Student Code of Conduct (a copy of this can be viewed on the Blackboard site). **This is worth 5 points.**
  - b. By **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, log on to the class site on Blackboard and submit a message on the “Welcome to Introduction to Justice” thread on the Discussion Board. **This is worth 5 points.**
  - c. By **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, log on to the class site on Blackboard and do two small quizzes and a tutorial on plagiarism. For more information, look at the details in the “Assignments” folder. **This is worth 5 points.**

3. Writing assignments:
  - a. By **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, using the two articles in the folder for this assignment on Blackboard, answer, in essay format, the questions posed, referring exclusively to the articles. There are two purposes to this assignment: first, to assess students on their writing, and second, to allow students to apply principles learned in the previous assignment concerning plagiarism. **This is worth 10 points.**
  - b. By **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, select one research article from the list of articles in the folder for this assignment on Blackboard. Your assignment is to write a review of this article. **This is worth 10 points.**
4. Attendance – At various unannounced times throughout the semester, attendance will be taken. You must be present in class when attendance is taken to receive any points. **This is worth 5 points.**

**Testing Schedule:**

At the end of each unit, a test with 100 multiple-choice questions will be available on Blackboard for a period of one week. The time limit for each of the tests is 2 hours. All the tests are open book, but it is required that students work independently on these tests.

Test Number	Chapters	Opening Date/Time	Closing Date/Time
1	1-4	Wednesday, Sept. 23. 11:15 am	Wednesday, Sept. 30. 11:55 pm
2	5-7	Wednesday, Oct. 14. 11:15 am	Wednesday, Oct. 21. 11:55 pm
3	8-10	Monday, Nov. 9. 11:15 am	Monday, Nov. 16. 11:55 pm
4	11-13	Wednesday, Dec. 2. 11:15 am	Wednesday, Dec. 9. 11:55 pm

Dr. Chamard will check her UAA e-mail account ([afsec@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afsec@uaa.alaska.edu)) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by 6 pm, and will attempt to address any technical problems raised by students by 7 pm on those days. This means you must send Prof. Chamard an e-mail by 6 pm to ensure that your problem can be dealt with. If you experience technical problems after 6 pm on the last day a test is “open,” there will be no opportunity to have the test re-set.

**Policies on Make-Ups and Late Assignments:**

Make-ups will only be permitted if you miss a test due to a bona fide emergency or an official university absence (please the UAA Catalog for more information on this). You must provide official documentation, such as a letter from your UAA coach, a letter from a funeral home director, or a doctor’s note. Illness or absence are not grounds for an extension or a make-up unless you can document you were incapacitated or legitimately absent for the entire time the test was “open” on Blackboard. All make-up tests will be taken during the final exam period, and will be done in-person at the Justice Center.

Writing assignments should be handed in during the class period on the due date. If you cannot submit your work then, it can be handed in late, subject to the following penalties:

- By 5:00 pm on the due date – 2 points taken off (so the maximum you can earn on the assignment is 8/10)
- By 5:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekday after the due date – 4 points taken off
- By 5:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekday after the due date – 6 points taken off
- Any time after this – all points taken off

**Final grades are determined from the following scale:**

- 90%-100% guarantees you at least an A
- 80% - 89.9% guarantees you at least a B
- 70% - 79.9% guarantees you at least a C
- 60% - 69.9% guarantees you at least a D
- under 60% guarantees you at least an F

**Classroom Civility:**

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices, such as iPods, is forbidden during class. Laptop computers are allowed, although this policy may be revised if there is abuse of this privilege. If you wish to record class sessions, you must get the professor's permission first. You are free to eat or drink in class, as long as what you are consuming is not especially odorous. Arriving late or leaving early is frowned upon; however, it is better to miss part of the class than all of it. Just be as quiet and non-disruptive as possible.

There will be some controversial topics discussed during this course. Sometimes these discussions can make people uncomfortable or even a little angry. We will decide as a group on some ground rules for respecting other students and creating an environment where everybody feels relatively safe to speak freely.

**E-mail Protocol:**

If you send the professor an e-mail, please use proper forms of address, not something along the lines of "Hey prof," or "Yo." Also, be sure to indicate who the e-mail is from. To communicate with the professor about something to do with you as a student (i.e., your grade on something), you **MUST** use your UAA e-mail account. If you use another e-mail account, you will not receive a reply. General inquiries about the class can be made over non-UAA e-mail accounts.

All official UAA e-mail communication, including communication about this class, will be sent to your UAA account. If you prefer to use another e-mail account (such as Hotmail or AOL), you should arrange to have your UAA e-mail forwarded to that account. Go to <http://idm.uaa.alaska.edu/idm/user/login.jsp> and after logging in, chose the "Change other account attributes" option. At the bottom of the next screen is a field to enter your forwarding address (i.e., [john.doe@aol.com](mailto:john.doe@aol.com)).

**Blackboard Use:**

Blackboard is used during this course to communicate information, administer tests, and keep you updated on your performance as a student. Supplementary materials, such as course notes and slides are posted to Blackboard as well. It is imperative that you access the course site early and often. You are responsible for any information or material placed on the course Blackboard site.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Academic integrity is a basic principle, which requires that students take credit only for ideas and efforts that are their own. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on tests by looking at another student's paper or using unauthorized material. Please refer to the section on "Student Code of Conduct" in the UAA Student Handbook, or on the course Blackboard site. Academic dishonesty is a serious matter. I have no compassion for cheaters and will not hesitate to take appropriate action if academic dishonesty is detected.

**Campus Safety:**

We care about your safety on campus. While relatively safe, our campus is **NOT** a sanctuary from crime, and accidents 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 Campus Police at 786-1120 when you observe an unsafe environment. For your own safety, please also take the time to locate the nearest exit and emergency telephone when you are in campus buildings. For emergencies, call the University Police at 786-4911 (on campus 6-4911) or municipal emergency services at 911.

**Tentative Schedule** (may be changed based on progress of class or other factors):

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READING</b>
1	08/24 08/26	Welcome and introduction to course The Problem of Social Control	Ch. 1
2	08/31 09/02	The Nature and Measurement of Crime	Ch. 2
3	09/07 09/09	<i>NO CLASS – Labor Day</i>	
4	09/14 09/16	Theories of Crime	Ch. 3
5	09/21 09/23	Criminal Law	Ch. 4
6	09/28 09/30	History and Organization of Law Enforcement	Ch. 5
7	10/05 10/07	Controlling the Police	Ch. 6
8	10/12 10/14	Issues in Policing	Ch. 7
9	10/19 10/21	History and Organization of Courts	Ch. 8
10	10/26 10/28	Working in the Courtroom	Ch. 9
11	11/02 11/04	The Disposition <i>NO CLASS</i>	Ch. 10
12	11/09 11/11	History of Control	Ch. 11
13	11/16 11/18	The Contemporary Prison	Ch. 12
14	11/23 11/25	<i>NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break</i>	
15	11/30 12/02	Corrections in the Community	Ch. 13