

COURSE SYLLABUS

JUSTICE A110 – 603

CRN – 81804

INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE

Fall 2009

AHS 106
1:00 to 2:15 PM
Monday and Wednesday

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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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed to give majors, minors and non-majors an introduction to the concepts and institutions that comprise our system of justice, not only criminal justice, but civil and social justice as well. 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.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Fuller, John R., *Criminal Justice: Mainstream and Crosscurrents*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson. 2008.

Note: A "MY CRIME KIT" INTERNET access code comes bundled with this text that we will use to explore crime and the justice system.

The Study Guide for this course is optional. Some students swear by it, others find it of little value. Your choice.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students studying in this course for credit are expected to successfully complete the following requirements during the course:

1. The course will include a combination of lecture, class discussion, question and answer, printed materials, class DVD, audio-visual materials, and guest speakers. Each student should study to obtain an understanding of all assigned readings before class on the date of the assignment and be able to discuss the material during class. Most of the Civil Law content is provided in the lectures.
2. Successfully complete two tests and a final examination. The tests and final examination may be based upon material from lectures, class discussion, guest speakers, audio-video material, the text, or other assigned reading. Questions may be a combination of true/false, multiple choice, matching, and short essay. No make-up exams will be given without prior written documentation. Exceptions for unplanned major life events will be considered. **Bring a # 2 pencil and a good eraser.**

GRADING:

It will be possible to earn a total of 400 points for the class. Grades will be based upon the total points earned. A student's final grade in this course will be calculated according to the following:

1. Quiz #1 (100 points)
2. Quiz #2 (100 points)
3. Final Examination (200 points)

<u>Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>
400 – 360	A
359 – 320	B
319 – 280	C
279 – 240	D
239 and below	F

INSTRUCTOR'S POLICIES:

ATTENDANCE

Although students will not be graded on attendance, regular attendance is expected in this class. Students are responsible for all class work even if there are legitimate reasons for their absence. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible about any difficulties with attendance. I have observed that students who do not attend regularly do not do well in the class and make up the majority of those who fail.

PARTICIPATION

Each student's class participation is encouraged and expected. Comments and questions of everyone are considered valuable and will contribute to class discussion and learning. Studies in memory retention indicate that, generally, the greater the degree to which a person participates orally, the greater the amount of retention.

MISSED EXAMS

Exams must be taken as scheduled unless you have a documentable major life event. Failure to take an exam as scheduled will result in a zero for that exam unless you have a documentable major life event. If there are conflicts between the exams and your other activities, i.e. sports, military duty, employer required trips, etc., you should see me as soon as possible (BEFORE THE EXAM) so that a suitable time can be scheduled for you to take the exam. If you are ill, a doctor's excuse may be needed to make up the exam. All such documentation should include a contact name and phone number.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic integrity is a basic principle that requires that students take credit only for ideas and efforts that are their own. Instances of academic dishonesty such as cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Please review the current catalog for further information on academic dishonesty and disciplinary procedures. These policies will be enforced!

COURSE MATERIAL AND POTENTIAL GRADING ERRORS

All course material will be destroyed at the beginning of the next semester. All papers, exams, etc. not picked up by that time will be destroyed. If you believe there is an error in the computation of your grade, you should see me quickly after the end of this semester and prior to the beginning of the next semester when all of the course material is destroyed. Do not wait until the next semester begins to bring up issues that are dependent upon materials that will be destroyed. Grades will not be changed based on your memory of what score you received.

DISABILITY

If you experience a disability and would like information about support services, contact Disability Support Services, located in BEB 105, at 786-4530.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

UAA regulations restrict the awarding of the grade of incomplete ("I") to situations such as unavoidable absences or other conditions beyond the control of a student. No grade of "I" will be submitted without the completion of a formal contract between the student and the instructor. The student is responsible for initiating and completing the actions for such a contract. If you intend to drop the class, please do so properly. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SIGNED AND DATED INCOMPLETE CONTRACT IN YOUR HAND, YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!**

Check out the award winning Justice Center web page at: <http://justice.UAA.alaska.edu/> The Justice Center web page also contains justice relevant web links, including this syllabus. You will also find a printable application for the Justice Club under the "Academic" tab.

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Week/Date	Subject/Topic	Assignment
1 – 2	The Problem of Social Control: Who controls what behavior???	Chapt. 1 – MCK
	No classes on Monday and Tuesday September 7-8, 2009. Labor Day	
2	The Nature and Measurement of Crime – It's all in the eye of the beholder!	Chapt. 2 – MCK
3	Theories of Crime – The Devil made me do it!	Chapt. 3 - MCK
4	Criminal Law – Thou shalt NOT....	Chapt. 4
5	Review for Quiz 1 – Sept. 21, 2009	
5	QUIZ 1 – Wednesday September 23, 2009	Chapt. 1-4 & MCK
6	History and Organization of the Police – Wait for the Paddy Wagon!	Chapt. 5
7	Controlling the Police – Car 54! Where are you?	Chapt. 6
8	Issues in Policing – Up against the wall m---f---r!!!	Chapt. 7
9	History and Organization of the Courts – Here come de judge!!!	Chapt. 8
10	The Courtroom Workgroup – What part of “kangaroo” don't you understand, boy?	Chapt. 9
11-12	Paralegal & Plea Bargaining, The Trial and Sentencing – Up What Creek???	Chapt. 10
12	QUIZ 2 – Wednesday November 11, 2009	Chapt. 5-10
13 – 14	Penology – Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage.	Chapt. 11, 12, 13
14	No classes during Thanksgiving Break: Wed-Fri, November 25 – 27, 2009	Give Thanks
15	The Future of Criminal Justice – Review of Course	Chapt. 16
16	FINAL EXAM – Monday December 7, 2009. 1 to 3:45 PM in this classroom	Chapt. 11-13, 16 and comprehensive

Chapt. = Fuller Criminal Justice text. MCK material will be assigned and discussed throughout class with special emphasis during the first exam. Expect MCK material on all exams.

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The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus assignments to meet the needs of the class and accommodate guest speakers and field trip opportunities. Reading assignments are due as indicated regardless of class activity. Please keep up with the readings.

All course material will be disposed of shortly after the beginning of the next semester. Please let me know immediately if there are errors in calculating your grade.

Course Grade will be available using Blackboard or the UAOnline (<http://uaonline.alaska.edu/>) about four working days after the final exam. Note: grades are first posted to Blackboard. Do NOT call for grades.