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CRIM1023 Introduction to Criminal Justice

(ACTS Number: CRJU1023 Introduction to Criminal Justice)

Catalog Description: This course is intended to expose the student to the workings of criminal justice systems. It explores the historical development, current operation, and future trends of criminal justice. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary problems in the definition of law, the enforcement of law, strategies of policing, judicial systems, sentencing strategies and correctional practices. Content includes not only practices in the U.S., but also other cultures and their systems of justice.

Course Type: Lecture

Instructor Name:

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Department Information

Course Department:

Academic Department:

Academic Coordinator:

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Associate Dean:

Associate Dean Contact Number:

Email:

Materials: Required and Optional

Required Text: Siegel, Larry, and John Worrell. Essentials of Criminal Justice. 10th ed. Cengage Learning. ISBN: 9781305633766

Optional Texts:

Required Materials: Pen, paper, access to computer with MS Office suite, and reliable internet access.

Optional Materials:

Institutional Learning Outcomes

Upon graduating from ASU-Newport with any Associate Degree, a student will be proficient in the following:

ILO1: Communication

Goal: Students will express ideas, knowledge, and concepts in a clear and concise manner.

- a) Written
- b) Verbal
- c) Interpersonal

ILO2: Reasoning

Goal: Students will apply reasoning skills in a variety of environments, which demonstrate problem-solving and applied knowledge.

- a) Explore
- b) Locate
- c) Interpret

- d) Evaluate
- e) Apply

ILO3: Responsibility

Goal: Students will participate in service activities that instill in them a sense of social responsibility.

- a) Civic
- b) Academic
- c) Financial

Institutional Grading Scale

Grading Scale:

- A: 90-100
- B: 80-89
- C: 70-79
- D: 60-69
- F: 0-59
- S: Satisfactory
- U: Unsatisfactory

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

In order to obtain appropriate disability related accommodations and services to which they are entitled, students with documented disabilities should voluntarily and confidentially provide the Office of Disability Services (870-512-7838 or disabilityservices@asun.edu) with appropriate medical documentation regarding the nature and extent of their disability, make their needs known to this Office and follow established procedures for acquiring needed services and accommodations in the classroom or online.

Information Technology Services

If you experience any problems or issues with Canvas, MyCampus, or other equipment, please contact ITS at 870-512-7783 or <http://its.asun.edu>. Canvas also has a 24/7 live chat. This is a valuable resource for those late-night tests or assignments that just do not seem to work properly.

ASU-Newport provides a number of different services to assist students in areas that directly impact their academic success. The following direct websites will help you get in touch with those services that may be needed during your time as an ASUN student:

Academic Support Center: <http://academicsupport.asun.edu>

Financial Aid: <http://financialaid.asun.edu>

Career Pathways: <http://pathways.asun.edu>

University Police: <http://cpd.asun.edu>

Information Technology Services: 512-7783 or its@asun.edu

Disability Services: http://www.asun.edu/disability_services

Admissions: <http://admissions.asun.edu>

Academic Dishonesty (As stated in the ASUN Student Handbook)

ASU-Newport enthusiastically promotes academic integrity and professional ethics among all members of the ASU-Newport academic community. Violations of this policy are considered serious misconduct and may result in disciplinary action and severe penalties. Cheating in any form-including plagiarism, turning in assignments prepared by others, unauthorized possession of exams - may result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F" and/or being suspended from the College. Students who feel they have been unfairly accused of cheating may appeal to the Dean and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Campus Safety Information

What to know and do to be prepared for emergencies at ASUN:

- Opt-in to receive ASUN's School Messenger notifications regarding weather closings, emergencies, and other important notifications. All currently enrolled students will receive an email within the first two weeks of the semester prompting them to Opt-in to the messaging system.

- Know the safe evacuation route from each of your classrooms. Emergency evacuation routes are posted in on-campus classrooms.
- Listen for and follow instructions from your instructor or other designated authorities.
- For additional emergency information see the ASUN Emergency Response Guide in the Portal under “More” then select “Department of Safety”.
- Know the emergency phone number for ASUN Campus Police or dial 911.
- Report suspicious activities and objects found on campus.
- Keep your permanent address and emergency contact information current in MyCampus.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, class cancelation is left to the discretion of the Chancellor. You will be notified of class cancelation on the university website, through news media, and through our school messaging system.

Children in the Classroom:

ASUN classroom policy requires that the learning environment should be free of distraction in order to provide the highest learning opportunity for all students. In this light, students should not bring children to the classroom. If you must bring a child on campus, please have your child properly supervised in the public gathering areas.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment
Discuss the ways that the discipline of criminal justice defines and approaches the definition and causes of crime and the system’s response to it.	Discussion and Examinations.
Discuss the history of the criminal justice system from the early 19 th century and relate pivotal events and features to contemporary procedures, practices, and philosophies that characterize the current justice system.	Discussion and Examinations.
Discuss the progression of a case through the criminal justice system, from the time an alleged crime is committed through the time the offender exits the system, identifying potential salient issues for the agents involved at each stage.	Discussion and Examinations.
Debate relevant issues in the criminal justice system, including but not limited to police emphasis of due process versus crime control, the advantages and disadvantages of the U.S. court system, the benefits and drawbacks of sentencing philosophies, how to define and treat environmental crime and justice, and how to balance competing goals and interests that exist within the criminal justice system.	Discussion and Examinations.
Know how to summarize a legal case orally and in writing in case brief form (facts, issue, decision, justification, dissent).	Discussion and Examinations.
Discuss the challenges facing the criminal and juvenile justice system in the 21 st century.	Discussion and Examinations.
Speak or write fluently about several contemporary crime and justice issues and relate those issues to relevant parts of the criminal justice system.	Discussion and Examinations.

The MSA for this course will specifically measure/assess ILO

Course Policies and Procedures

Academic Calendar

Disclaimer

This syllabus and all documents associated with the syllabus are considered a contract between the student and the instructor. Students are expected to carefully read and review the syllabus and all associated documents in order to be familiar with course expectations and policies. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor, who will inform students of any changes. Students are responsible for keeping up with any changes.