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**AJ 10**  
**INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Historical and philosophical development of administration of justice. Description, analysis, evaluation, and policy implications relating to criminal justice agencies. Relationship between theory and practice.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide an introduction to the characteristics, structure, and processes of criminal justice in the United States.
2. To explain criminology, criminal law, criminal statistics, and constitutional criminal procedures as they relate to the criminal justice system.
3. To describe and discuss the purpose, functions and critical issues that relate to the three major components of the justice system: police, courts, and corrections.

**TEXTS**

J. Senna and L. Siegel, Essentials of Criminal Justice., 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., West/Wadsworth, 2001.

R. Roberg, Study Guide to Essentials., 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., West/Wadsworth, 2001.

**EVALUATION**

Three examinations covering approximately one-third of the text and lecture materials will be given; text-lecture breakdown will be about 60%-40%. The Study Guide should be considered an important instructional tool in this class; consequently, 15 to 20% of the test questions will be taken directly from this source.

Each exam will count for one-third of the course grade. The final grade will be determined by a class curve, based on a three exam average. The third exam will be given during the designated final period. Note that exams may not be taken 10 minutes after the beginning of an exam. Please be on time!

## COURSE OUTLINE

### SECTION I - CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES

- A. Process of Criminal Justice in U.S.
- B. What is Law/Justice/Freedom?
- C. What is Crime?/Criminological Continuum

### SECTION II - THE POLICE

- A. English Precedents
- B. Contemporary Developments/COP
- C. Contemporary Issues (Film)

### SECTION III. - CRIMINAL LAW

- A. Measuring Crime/Crime Trends
- B. Basic Elements of Crime
- C. Crime Classifications

### SECTION IV - CONSTITUTIONAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

- A. The Bill of Rights
- B. Major Landmark Decisions (handout)

### SECTION V - THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- A. From Incident to Arraignment (Handout)
- B. From Trial to Judgment
- C. Appeal Process (Film)

### SECTION VI - THE COURTS

- A. Structure and Role of the Federal Courts
- B. Structure and Role of State/Local Courts
- C. Sentencing Structures

### SECTION VII - CORRECTIONS

- A. Models of Incarceration
- B. Types of Institutions
- C. Contemporary Issues (Film)