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AJ 159 Senior Seminar (Fall, 2000)

**Course Description**

Identification, discussion and analysis of selected problems in the criminal justice system. Prerequisites are AJ 105 and senior standing. A selected policy issue will be explored through the preparation of a research paper. Three units.

**Course Requirements**

1. Active participation in seminar discussions. Each class period students will be graded as follows: (30 points)
  - 3 points - active participation that includes relevant comments
  - 2 points - one or two relevant comments
  - 1 point - present but no participation
  - ~~0 points~~ - arrive late or leave early ~~or absent~~ <sup>OR Absent</sup>
2. Presentation of two or three journal articles following the format provided. (30 points)
3. Preparation of a term paper that meets the following requirements: (40 points).
  - typewritten
  - double spaced
  - at least 2,500 words
  - topic approved by instructor
  - APA (American Psychological Association) citation system.
  - no plagiarism or prior work on the topic
  - minimum of 8 academic sources since 1995

**Presentation Format**

1. Two to three page detailed outline for each student
2. Organization
  - Introduction (includes purpose and review of the literature)
  - Methodology (how the research was done)
  - Research Findings (results of the research)
  - Answer the following questions.
    1. Was the purpose accomplished?
    2. How could the research methods be improved?
    3. Compare findings with other material/ideals.
3. Outline and a copy of the article for the instructor.
4. Acceptable journals to be discussed in class

### **Term Paper Format**

1. Introduction (General background and problem)
2. Review of the Literature-for each study cited include research design and findings
3. Conclusion  
What are the policy implications?

### **Grading**

Must earn a grade of at least a C to graduate.

A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = 59 to 0

## AJ 159 Schedule

August 28	Orientation		
August 30	Seminar Paper Discussion		
Sept. 4	Holiday		
Sept. 6			
Sept. 11			(Presentations Begin)
Sept. 13			
Sept. 18			
Sept. 20			
Sept. 25			
Sept. 27			
Oct. 2			
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Oct. 16			
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