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**AJ 159 Senior Seminar (Spring, 2003) SEC**

Identification, discussion and analysis of selected problems in the criminal justice system. Prerequisites are AJ 105 and senior standing. Three units. Students must make at least a C- to graduate.

**Course Requirements**

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| Active participation.....     | 50 points        |
| Three oral presentations..... | 45 points        |
| Analysis of articles.....     | 25 points        |
| Seminar paper.....            | <u>80 points</u> |
|                               | 200              |

**Grading:** A = 200-180 B = 179-160 C = 159-140 D = 139-120 F = 120-0

**Participation (50 points)**

For each day you actively participate in seminar discussions you will be given 2 points. If you do not participate you will be given one point. For the first three absences/lates you will be given 1 point; thereafter, for each absent/late 2 points will be deducted from your participation score.

**Presentations (45 points)**

Each student is required to make three 8-10 minute presentations to class. The requirements for the presentations are as follows:

1. 1 page outline for each student and the instructor (copy of article for instructor)
2. Format
  - title of the article correctly cited (APA)
  - purpose of the article
  - summary of prior research
  - research methodology
  - summary of findings
3. Evaluation of presentation
  - quality of outline
  - organization of presentation
  - pace of delivery
  - ability to effectively communicate the material
5. Approved Journals (2001-2003)

Journal of Criminal Justice Crime and Delinquency Criminology  
Justice Quarterly Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology  
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency Criminal Law Bulletin

**Analysis of Presentations (25 points)**

Each student will write his/her analysis of the article on the back of the outline provided. This analysis must include the following: (1) identification of a criminal justice problem discussed in the article; (2) the cause/s of the problem identified in the article; and, (3) proposed solution/s.

**Seminar Policy Paper (80 points)**

1. Students will select a specific type of crime (e.g., robbery, homicide)
2. Research sources will be primarily academic (monographs, juried journals)
3. Typewritten, double spaced and at least 2,500 words

**Paper format**

**Introduction**

Identify the purpose of the paper. Provide a statutory definition of the crime.  
Describe the problem (number and trends for 10 years using UCR, NCVS)

**The Prevention of (Type of Crime e.g., Robbery)**

Explain the applicable crime causation theories.  
Summarize the crime prevention research.

**Conclusion**

Student's recommendation concerning the most effective prevention methods.

**References (APA system)**