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AJ 10
INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The class is structured around the historical and philosophical development of administration of justice and the relationship between theory and practice. Discussion centers on the description, analysis, evaluation, and policy implications relating to criminal justice agencies.

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 procedure as they relate to the justice system.
3. To describe and discuss the purpose, functions and critical issues relating to the three major components of the justice system: police, courts, and corrections.

TEXTS

J. Senna and L. Siegel, *Essentials of Criminal Justice*, 4th ed., West/Wadsworth, 2003.

Study Guide to Essentials, 4th ed., West/Wadsworth, 2003.

EVALUATION

Two major examinations (mid-term and final) covering approximately one-half of the text and lecture materials will be given; text-lecture breakdown will be about 60%-40%.

The Study Guide is considered to be an important instructional tool in this class; consequently, 10% to 15% of the test questions will be taken **DIRECTLY** from this source. Thus, an appropriate amount of time should be spent with the study guide in preparing for exams.

Each exam will count for one-half of the course grade. The final grade will be determined by a class curve, based on a two-exam average. The final exam will be given during the designated final exam time (consult class schedule). Note that exams may not be taken 10 minutes after an exam has started; the exam will be re-scheduled as a make-up at the end of the semester. 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?

SECTION II- THE POLICE

- A. English Precedents
- B. American Policing
- C. Problem Oriented/Community Policing

SECTION III – POLICING ISSUES & CRIME TRENDS

- A. Police Use of Force/Misconduct (Film)
- B. Measuring Crime
- C. Crime Trends

SECTION IV – CRIMINAL LAW & THE CONSTITUTION

- A.. Basic Elements of Crime/Crime Classifications
- B. The Bill of Rights (4, 5, 6, 7, & 8)
- C. Major Landmark Decisions (Handout)

SECTION V – THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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

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. Juvenile Justice/Critical Cases
- B. Models of Incarceration
- C. Contemporary Issues