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**AJ 159 Senior Seminar (Spring, 2004)**

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**

1. Three presentations of journal articles @ 10 points = 30 points
2. Seminar policy paper = 70 points  
100 points

**Grading:** A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = 59-0  
Incompletes will not be given.

**Presentations**

Each student is required to make three 5-8 minute presentations to class. Articles will be provided to the students. A one to two page critique of the article is to be provided to all students and the instructor..

**Critique format**

- title of the article correctly cited (APA)
- purpose of the article
- summary of prior research
- research methodology
- summary of findings
- student's assessment

**Policy Paper**

Each student will prepare a paper that addresses the prevention of a specific crime; that is, homicide, sexual assault, robbery, burglary, arson, auto theft and larceny-theft. The paper format is as follows.

**Introduction**

The purpose of this paper is to discuss the prevention of (type of crime; e.g., robbery). In California, robbery is defined as (use statute in penal code).

Between 1995 and 2002, there were (number of robberies) in the United States and (number of robberies) in California. Robbery rates (describe the changes in rates in both the United States and California. (If the crime tends to be under reported explain why).

**Prevention of Robbery**

Discuss the best available research concerning robbery and how to prevent it.

**Conclusion**

Based on your research and your assessment of that research identify the most effective ways to prevent robbery.

**References**

Use APA citation system.

The paper is due the last class meeting. Rough drafts for review must be turned in at least two weeks prior to the due date.

**Seminar Process and Attendance**

Students will determine requirements.