

POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration - Fall 2017

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Course Description:

This course provides an overview of the institution, actors, and agencies involved in the administration of criminal justice in the United States. Topics surveyed include the criminal justice system, police, arrest, bail, prosecution, plea bargaining, trials, conviction, sentencing, corrections, probation, reentry, and juvenile justice.

Grading:

Exam 1: 35%
Exam 2: 35%
Participation/Attendance: 5%
Assignments: 25%

A:	94-100	C:	74-77
A-:	90-93	C-:	70-73
B+:	88-89	D+:	68-69
B:	84-87	D:	64-67
B-:	80-83	D-:	60-63
C+:	78-79	F:	< 60

Incompletes will not be given in this class, so please plan ahead.

Exams:

The two exams will combine multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions. Makeup exams are only permitted in extraordinary circumstances such as documented medical emergencies. The exams will test material from your readings, lectures, and class discussions. Unless otherwise noted, exams will NOT be cumulative.

Assignments:

25% of your grade will be based on five assignments (each worth 5% each). These assignments will include two crime data exercises, one assignment involving a GA defense attorney, one assignment on the use of solitary confinement in prisons, and a group project researching and recommending a GA criminal justice policy reform. Further details on these assignments will be provided later in the semester.

Attendance and Participation:

It is entirely at the discretion of students to decide whether to attend class on a given day. It is the responsibility of students who miss class to keep up with missed notes (from fellow students) and assignments from missed lectures. Students should expect to score very well in the participation/attendance portion of the class if they have strong attendance and in-class participation. Note that attendance will not be taken every class and will be aided through seating assignments (selected during the first week of class).

Academic Integrity:

Please see UGA's extensive policies on academic honesty (<http://honesty.uga.edu>). Be aware that under no circumstances will cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty be tolerated in this class.

Required Course Materials:

George F. Cole, Christopher E. Smith, and Christina DeJong, *Criminal Justice in America*, 8th ed., Wadsworth Cengage. ISBN: 978-1-305-26106-8 (edition matters!) **[listed as CSD below]**

Amy Bach, *Ordinary Injustice: How America Holds Court*, Holt Paperbacks. ISBN: 978-0-8050-9227-1 **[listed as Bach below]**

Other required course readings will be made available on the web (eLc: <https://uga.view.usg.edu/>) as is necessary.

Schedule: Assignment dates are approximate. We may have to adjust them slightly depending on our speed during the semester. However, barring emergency, the dates for exams will not change.

Note: All assigned reading is to be conducted prior to the class for which it is listed.

Dates	Topic	Assignment (read BEFORE class listed)
8-15	Syllabus, introduction	
8-17; 8-22	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	CSD chap 1
8-22; 8-24	Crime, Typology, Data	CSD chap 2 (skip pgs 57-75); “Moneyballing CJ” on eLC
8-29; 9-5	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8-31: No Class. American Political Science Association Annual Conference• Assignment 1 due by 9/1 at 11:59pm on eLC	CSD chap 3
9-7	Practice exam at start of class	
9-7; 9-12; 9-14	Police	CSD chap 4 (skip 137-141); TIME “Cop Today” on eLC
9-19	Policing Issues	CSD chap 5 (skip 167-183); “Real Law” on eLC
9-21	Policing Diversity and Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assignment 2 due on 9/22 at 11:59pm on eLC	Review CSD 126-128; “Cultural Diversity” on eLC; “TheobaldHaider2009” on eLC
9-26; 9-28	Police and the Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mini-review for exam 1 on 9-28	CSD chap 6
10-3	Exam 1 in class	

10-5; 10-10	Judges, Courts, and Adjudication	CSD chap 7; Bach (pgs 5-9, 141-142, 196-197)
10-12	Problem Solving Courts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment 3 due on 10-13 by 11:59pm on eLC 	"Problem Solving Cts" on eLC
10-12; 10-17	Pre-trial; Bail	CSD chap 8 (pg 253-265 only); Cook County IL Bail Order on eLC
10-19; 10-24	Plea bargaining, Trial	CSD chap 8 (pg 265-279); <i>Bordenkircher v. Hayes</i> on eLC; <i>U.S. vs. Walker</i> order on eLC
10-26	Punishment, sentencing	CSD chap 9
10-31	Practice exam at start of class	
10-31	Corrections	CSD chap 10
11-2; 11-7	Incarceration/Prison Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment 4 due on 11-6 by 11:59pm on eLC 	CSD chap 11
11-9; 11-14; 11-16	Probation/Intermediate; Reentry; Life on Parole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment 5 due on 11-13 at 8:00pm (per directions) 	CSD chap 12 and CSD chap 13
11-21; 11-23	No class (gobble, gobble)	
11-28	Juvenile Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini-review for exam 2 	CSD chap 15
11-30	Exam 2 in class	