

**POLS 3600**  
**Criminal Justice Administration**  
**Spring 2017**

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This course examines the actors and institutions that make up the American criminal justice system. The role each will be discussed, as will the current and developing policies relevant to their activities and effectiveness. Political and constitutional questions central to criminal justice administration will be considered, as will their practical effects.

**Readings.** The following textbook is required:

G. Cole, C. Smith, and C. DeJong, *Criminal Justice in America*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (2017; ISBN 1305966066)

**Examinations.** There will be a midterm examination and a final examination. No exceptions will be made for the scheduled examination times except in the case of a documented medical emergency. If you have additional needs or have permission from the Disability Resource Center for extra time on exams, please contact me privately and arrangements will be made.

**Paper.** An 8-10 page (double-space) white paper is due April 6. A list of possible paper topics will be distributed. Additional topics may be pursued if they are approved by the instructor. A proposal and tentative bibliography are due on February 7.

**Grading.**

Midterm examination 30%; white paper 30%; final examination 40%

Grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

100-94	A	89-86	B+	79-76	C+	69-66	D+
93-90	A-	85-83	B	75-73	C	65-60	D
		82-80	B-	72-70	C-	59-00	F

**Academic Integrity.** Neither plagiarism nor cheating will be tolerated. Appropriate citations are expected and encouraged. All students are expected to behave in accordance with the guidelines of the UGA Honor Code. If you are unsure whether certain actions are acceptable, consult your instructor.

**Attendance.** An attendance sheet will be circulated at each class meeting. Class attendance will be taken into account in deciding final grades in borderline cases. It is to your advantage to attend each class period.

## Course Outline

**Thurs., Jan. 5: Introductory meeting**

**Tues., Jan. 10–Thurs., Jan. 12: The Criminal Justice System**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 1

**Tues., Jan. 17–Thurs., Jan. 19: Crime and Justice in America**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 2

**Tues., Jan. 24–Thurs., Jan. 26: Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 3

**Tues., Jan. 31–Thurs., Feb. 2: Police and Law Enforcement**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 4

**Tues., Feb. 7–Thurs., Feb. 9: Contemporary Issues in Policing**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 5

**White paper proposal and initial bibliography due February 7**

**Tues., Feb. 14: Police and Constitutional Law**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 6

**Thurs., Feb. 16: Film: *Police***

**Tues., Feb. 21–Tues., Feb. 28: Courts and Adjudication**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 7

**Thurs., Mar. 2: MIDTERM EXAM**

**SPRING BREAK**

**Tues., Mar. 14: Accountability Courts**

**Thurs., Mar. 16–Tues., Mar. 21: Pretrial Procedures, Plea Bargaining, and Criminal Trials**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 8

**Thurs., Mar. 23–Thurs., Mar. 30: Punishment and Sentencing**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 9

**Tues., Apr. 4–Thurs., Apr. 6: Corrections**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 10

**\* White paper due April 6 \***

**Tues., Apr. 11: Incarceration and Prison Society**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 11

**Thurs., Apr. 13: Independent Research**

**Tue., Apr. 18: Community Corrections**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 12

**Thurs., Apr. 20: Reentry into the Community**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 13

**Tues., Apr. 25: Juvenile Justice**

Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 15

**Mon., May 2: Final exam 3:30-6:30 PM**