

**POLS 3600**  
**Criminal Justice Administration**  
**Spring 2018**

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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 are the required texts and should be available in the bookstore:

George Cole, Christopher Smith, and Christina DeJong, *Criminal Justice in America*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. (2017)

**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 about a criminal justice policy is due April 12. A list of possible paper topics will be distributed. Additional topics may be chosen if they are approved by the instructor. A proposal and tentative bibliography are due on February 13. Additional instructions will follow.

**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 random class meetings. 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. 4: Course overview and discussion**

**Tues., Jan. 9–Thurs., Jan. 11: The Criminal Justice System**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 1

**Tues., Jan. 16–Thurs., Jan. 18: Crime**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 2

**Tues., Jan. 23—Thurs., Jan. 25: Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 3

**Tues., Jan. 30--Thurs., Feb. 1: Police and Law Enforcement**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 4

**Tues., Feb. 6–Thurs., Feb. 8: Contemporary Policing Issues**

Video: *Police*

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 5

**White paper proposal and initial bibliography due February 13**

**Tues., Feb. 13: Police and Law**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 6

**Thurs., Feb. 15—Thurs., Feb. 22: Courts and Adjudication**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 7

**Tues., Feb. 27: Pretrial Procedures, Plea Bargaining, and Criminal Trials**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 8

**Thurs., Mar. 1–Tues., Mar. 6: Punishment and Sentencing**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 9

**Thurs. Mar. 8: Midterm exam**

**Mar. 12–16: Spring break**

**Tues., Mar. 20: Corrections**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 10

**Thurs. Mar. 22: The Death Penalty**

**Tues., Mar. 27: Deterrence and Corrections**

- Daniel P. Means, Joshua C. Cochran, Francis T. Cullen. 2015. "Incarceration Heterogeneity and Its Implications for Assessing the Effectiveness of Imprisonment on Recidivism." *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 7: 691-712.

- Steven N. Durlauf, Chao Fu, Salvador Navarro. 2013. "Capital Punishment and Deterrence: Understanding Disparate Results." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 29: 103-121.

**Thurs., Mar. 29: White Paper Research**

**Tues., Apr. 3:** Video: *Keepers: A Job Behind Bars*

**Thurs., Apr. 5: Incarceration and Prison Society**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 11

**Tues., Apr. 10: Community Corrections**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 12

**WHITE PAPER DUE APRIL 12**

**Thurs., Apr. 12-Tues., Apr. 17: Reentry into the Community**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 13

Video: *Parole Board (Missouri)*

**Thurs., Apr. 19: Technology and CJ**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 14

**Tues., Apr. 24: Juvenile Justice**

CSD, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 15

**Thurs., Apr. 26: Reading Day**

**FINAL EXAM: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 3:30-6:30 PM**