

POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration - Fall 2019

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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, and reentry.

Grading:

Exam 1: 35%
Exam 2: 35%
Assignments: 30%

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

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: 30% of your grade will be based on three important assignments (each worth 10%). These assignments will include a crime data exercise, one assignment involving a GA defense attorney, and a group project, with an individual written component, researching and recommending a GA criminal justice policy reform. Further details on these assignments will be provided later in the semester.

Attendance and Participation: This is the type of class where you will do better on your exams and assignments if you regularly and actively attend class. However, 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. Students with strong attendance and in-class participation should expect to see close final grades be computed in their favor. Note that we will have seating assignments to help me more quickly learn your names (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; also a key part of Assignment #2]**

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	
8-20; 8-22	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	CSD chap 1
8-22; 8-27	Crime, Typology, Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-29: No Class. American Political Science Association Annual Conference 	CSD chap 2 (skip pgs 57-75)
9-3; 9-5	Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law	CSD chap 3
9-10	Practice exam at start of class	
9-10; 9-12	Police	CSD chap 4 (skip 137-141); TIME “Cop Today” on eLC
9-17	Policing Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment #1 (CJ Data) due on 9/18 by 11:59pm on eLC 	CSD chap 5 (skip 167-183); “Real Law” on eLC
9-19	Policing Diversity and Representation	Review CSD 126-128; “Cultural Diversity” on eLC; “TheobaldHaider2009” on eLC
9-24; 9-26	Police and the Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini-review for exam 1 on 9-26 	CSD chap 6
10-1	Exam 1 in class	
10-3	No Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of class activity on “The Plea” (focus questions for exam 2 TBA) 	
10-8; 10-10	Judges, Courts, and Adjudication	CSD chap 7; Bach(pgs 5-9, 141-142, 196-197)
10-10	Problem Solving Courts	“Problem Solving Cts” on eLC
10-15; 10-17	Pre-trial; Bail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment #2 due on 10-21 by 11:59pm on eLC 	CSD chap 8 (pg 253-265 only); “Bailreform-New York City.pdf” on eLC
10-22; 10-24	Plea bargaining, Trial	CSD chap 8 (pg 265-279); <i>Bordenkircher v. Hayes</i> on eLC; “Rakoff2017.pdf” on eLC
10-29; 10-31	Punishment, sentencing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice exam handed out in class 	CSD chap 9
11-5	Corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-7: No Class • Work on “Life on Parole” optional activity 	CSD chap 10
11-12	Incarceration/Prison Society	CSD chap 11
11-14; 11-19	Probation/Intermediate; Reentry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini review for exam 2 	CSD chap 12 and CSD chap 13
11-21	Exam 2 in class	
11-26	Georgia Criminal Justice & Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-28: No Class - Thanksgiving 	Georgia CJ Reform materials TBA
12-3	Georgia Criminal Justice & Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment #3 due on 12/2 by 6:00pm (per directions) 	N/A