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:


**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 7. A list of possible paper topics will be distributed. Additional topics may be used if they are approved by the instructor. A proposal and tentative bibliography are due on February 6. Additional instructions will be distributed in class.

**Grading.**
Midterm examination 30%; white paper 30%; final examination 40%

Grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

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**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

Tues., Jan. 7: Introductory meeting

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

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

Thurs., Jan. 23—Tues., Jan. 28: Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 3

Thurs., Jan. 30—Tues., Feb. 4: Police and Law Enforcement
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 4

Thurs., Feb. 6—Tues., Feb. 11: Contemporary Issues in Policing
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 5

White paper proposal and initial bibliography due February 6

Thurs., Feb. 13: Police and Constitutional Law
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 6

Tues., Feb. 18: Film: Police

Thurs., Feb. 20—Tues., Feb. 27: Courts and Adjudication
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 7

Tues., Mar. 3: Accountability Courts

Thurs., Mar. 5: MIDTERM EXAM

SPRING BREAK March 9-13

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

Tues., Mar. 24-Tues., Mar. 31: Punishment and Sentencing
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 9

Thurs., Apr. 2—Tues., Apr. 7: Corrections
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 10

* White paper due April 7 *

Thurs., Apr. 9: Incarceration and Prison Society
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 11

Tues., Apr. 14: Community Corrections
Cole and Smith, Criminal Justice in America, Ch. 12
Thurs., Apr. 16: Reentry into the Community
Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 13

Tues., Apr. 21: Exam Review (online distribution)

Thurs., Apr. 23: Juvenile Justice
Cole and Smith, *Criminal Justice in America*, Ch. 15

Tues., May 5: Final exam 3:30-6:30 PM