

POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration - Fall 2020
8:00am – Tuesday and Thursday; Classroom: UGA Chapel

Instructor

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Course Description: Criminal Justice Administration 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: 20%

Exam 2: 20%

Exam 3: 20%

+10% to highest exam grade

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		

Important notes for Fall 2020:

- This is an in-person class. Due to social distancing, our classroom (the Chapel!) will hold 50% of the class at one time. You will be provided information on or before Monday, 8/24 for whether you should attend class in-person on Tuesday, 8/25 or Thursday, 8/27. (There is no in-person class on 8/20. View the online introductory material on eLC for 8/20.)
- Following Thanksgiving Break, all remaining classes will take place online (detailed below).
- Your third (final) exam (and all exams) will be online (detailed below)
- Our class begins at 8:00am on Tuesday/Thursday

Course format: This is a critically important time to be studying and learning about the criminal justice system in the United States, and we are going to do everything we can to make this course a fulfilling and informative experience for you despite the COVID crisis around us. During Fall 2020, **this course will utilize a hybrid model, with online lectures and in-person discussion.**

- Your weekly lectures will be provided online (with links on eLC).
 - To view lectures on eLC: Go to POLS 3600 → Course content → Lectures
- You will each be assigned to an in-person discussion section that will meet once weekly. Two discussion sections will meet in our assigned classroom (UGA Chapel) and during our assigned window of time for the course (8:00am-9:15am, Tues or Thurs). To maintain the social distancing requirements, we'll have 2 in-person discussion sections: Group A: Tuesdays; Group B: Thursday
- If, due to medical or other reasons, you prefer to opt out of an in-person discussion section for some or all of the semester, you may do so without any penalty to your grade. Important information (videos, discussion topics) covered in discussion will be posted online on eLC at the end of each week (after in-person discussions) so students can engage with the material online as desired.
- If, due to the evolving COVID situation, UGA moves fully online at some point the fall semester, the course will seamlessly also move completely online and keep the planned schedule.

My promise to you: I will keep the course/schedule organized and will keep you informed well in advanced of any changes that might emerge because of COVID. Please take note of email and/or eLC updates that you receive from me during the semester, as warranted.

Exams: The three exams will combine multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions. All exams will be administered online on eLC, will be at 8:00am on the listed day, and will have very strict time allotments. The exams will test material from your readings and lectures. The exams will be open note/open book but collaboration among students is prohibited. Unless otherwise noted, exams will NOT be cumulative. Two of your three exam grades will be worth 20% of your final grade each, and your highest exam grade will be worth 30% (as determined automatically at the end of the semester for each individual student).

Makeup exams are only permitted in extraordinary circumstances such as documented medical emergencies.

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

Participation/Attendance: Due to COVID, we will not have a participation or attendance policy in this class. If your health circumstances permit, I encourage you to come to discussion sections and actively participate. You will gain a lot more from your class experience if you do (and I will enjoy having you there!). However, if your circumstances do not permit you to attend in-person discussion classes, you will be able to fully succeed in this class without penalty. The burden is on you the student to stay up with online lectures, engage with the posted online discussion material, and ask questions of TA Adam as needed.

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. This is an older (but still recent and good) edition of the book to help save you money.) **[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.

Week 1: (8/20)

- Topic: Syllabus, introductions
 - Reminder: The lecture for this date and all future dates will be posted on eLC for this course. Go to POLS 3600 → Course content → Lectures
- Required Reading: N/A
- **No in-person discussion groups** on 8/20, but feel free to come to the Chapel from 8:00-8:30 to say "hi" and check out the classroom set up for our class.

Week 2: (8/25, 8/27)

- Topic: Introduction to the CJ System
- Required Reading: CSD chap 1
- **Discussion Groups Meet.** This is the first discussion group meeting.
 - Reminder: In-person discussion groups should go to the UGA chapel on their assigned day. If you are unsure of your assigned group/time, contact adam.rutkowski@uga.edu.

Week 3: (9/1, 9/3)

- Topics: Crime, Typology, Data & Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law
- Required Reading: CSD chap 2 (skip pgs 57-75) + CSD chap 3
- **Discussion Groups Meet**

Week 4: (9/8, 9/10)

- Topic: Police
- Required Reading: CSD chap 4 (skip 137-141); TIME “Cop Today” on eLC; NCJRS community policing excerpt.pdf
- **Discussion Groups Meet**
- **Assignment #1 due on 9/11 on eLC by 7:00pm**

Week 5: (9/15, 9/17)

- Topics: Policing Issues; Policing Diversity and Representation
- Required Reading: CSD chap 5 (skip 167-183); “Real Law” on eLC; Review CSD 126-128; “Cultural Diversity” on eLC; “TheobaldHaider2009” on eLC; “Epp2017-Beyond Profiling.pdf” on eLC
- **Discussion Groups Meet**

Week 6: (9/22, 9/24)

- Topics: Police and the Law; Review for Exam 1
- Required Reading: CSD chap 6
- **Discussion Groups Meet**
 - Bring to discussion group any questions you have for exam 1

Week 7: (9/29)

- **Exam 1 on 9/29 at 8:00am on eLC**
 - No discussion groups on 9/29 or 10/1

Week 7/8: (10/1, 10/6, 10/8)

- Topic: Judges, Courts, and Adjudication
- Required Reading: CSD chap 7; Bach (pgs 5-9, 141-142, 196-197)
- **Discussion Groups Meet on 10/6 and 10/8** (no discussion groups on 9/29 or 10/1)

Week 9: (10/13, 10/15)

- Topics: Pre-trial; Bail
- Required Reading: CSD chap 8 (pg 253-265 only); “Bailreform-New York City.pdf” on eLC; “NYT-Defendants Can’t Be Jailed. . .pdf” on eLC; Ahhn-Tough Case.pdf on eLC
- **Discussion Groups Meet**

Week 10: (10/20, 10/22)

- Topic: Plea bargaining; Trial
- Required Reading: CSD chap 8 (pg 265-279); *Bordenkircher v. Hayes* on eLC; “Rakoff2017.pdf” on eLC; watch “The Plea” (with worksheet on eLC to help prep for exam)
- **Discussion Groups Meet**
- **Assignment #2 due on 10/19 by 9:00pm on eLC**

Week 11: (10/27, 10/29)

- Topic: Problem Solving Courts, Review for Exam 2
- Required Reading: "Problem Solving Cts" on eLC
- **No discussion groups this week**

Week 12: (11/3)

- **Exam 2 on 11/5 at 8:00am on eLC**
 - No discussion groups on 11/3 or 11/5. Enjoy the election on 11/3 and get ready for the exam on 11/5.

Week 12/13: (11/5, 11/10, 11/12)

- Topics: Punishment, sentencing, asset forfeiture
- Required Reading: CSD chap 9; CRS2015-Crime and Forfeiture.pdf on eLC
- **Discussion groups meet on 11/10 and 11/12** (no discussion groups on 11/3 or 11/5)

Week 14: (11/17, 11/19)

- Topic: Corrections
- Required Reading: CSD chap 10
- Discussion Groups Meet (this is the last discussion group meeting of the semester)
- **Assignment #3 due:** CJ Reform assignment due on eLC by 5:00pm on Monday 11/16

Week 15: (11/24)

- Topic: Incarceration/Prison Society
- Required Reading: CSD chap 11
- **No discussion groups this week**

Week 16/17: (12/1, 12/3, 12/8)

- Topics: Probation/Intermediate; Reentry; Review for Exam 3
- Required Reading: CSD chap 12 and CSD chap 13; watch "Life on Parole" (see eLC for link and prep questions for exam)
- **No discussion groups this week**

Exam 3: 12/12 at 8:00am on eLC