

POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration – Spring 2021
12:45-2:00 – Tuesday and Thursday; Classroom: MLC Rm 248

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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: 25%

Exam 2: 25%

Exam 3: 25%

+5% to highest exam grade

3 Discussion Reflection Essays: 15%

CJ Reform Activity: 5%

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		

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, informative, and normal experience for you despite the COVID crisis around us. During Spring 2021, **this course will utilize a hybrid model, with weekly pre-recorded online lectures and some in-person/live Zoom discussion sections once per week during our assigned class time.** (details on eLC for enrolled students)

Exams: The three exams will combine multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions. All exams will be administered online on eLC and will be scheduled during our class time. The exams will test material from your readings, lectures, and discussion sections. 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 25% 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.**

Other Graded Activities: Over the course of the semester, you will write three essays reflecting on the material presented during discussion. Each discussion essay is worth 5% of your final grade, for a total of 15%. In addition, there will be a group activity proposing a reform to the Georgia criminal justice system (worth 5% of your final grade). More details on these assignments will be provided on eLC. See below and eLC for due dates on these graded activities.

Attendance: Because of COVID, students can choose to participate in the class discussion sections either in-person or online via Zoom. Details on days coming after semester starts. While I will not be taking attendance during class, attendance and participation in discussion sections will aid performance on exams, is necessary for the three required discussion essays, and will help students get more out of the class this semester. It is the responsibility of students who miss discussion to keep up with missed notes (from fellow students).

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.

Mental Health and Wellness @ UGA: If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit <https://sco.uga.edu>. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services. UGA has several resources for a student seeking mental health services (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) or crisis support (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies>). If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) for a list of FREE workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.

Disability Resources @ UGA: If you anticipate needing classroom or exam accommodations due to the impact of a disability or medical condition, you must register for services with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). I will accommodate requests from the DRC in this course. Additional information can be found here: <http://drc.uga.edu/>

Prohibition on Class Recordings and Distribution of Course Materials: Please do not take audio or video recordings of course lectures or discussions (live or Zoom) or repost any course materials (recorded, links, written) without my express permission. Doing so violates my and the University of Georgia's intellectual property and the privacy of your fellow classmates as protected under federal and state law.

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]**

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. However, barring emergency, the dates for exams will not change. All assigned reading is to be conducted prior to the class for which it is listed.

Week 1: (1/14)

- Topic: Syllabus, introductions
 - We will have a short, live Zoom class at 12:45pm on 1/14 so I can introduce myself, our syllabus, and course expectations. There will be no live class in MLC 248 this date. I will post the Zoom link on eLC and via email prior to the first class.
- Required Reading: N/A
- No online lecture this week
- **No in-person discussion today**

Week 2: (1/19, 1/21)

- Topic: Introduction to the CJ System
- Required Reading: CSD chap 1
- Online Lecture Available
 - 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
- **Discussion Groups Meet This Week. (See eLC for Tuesday/Thursday details)**

Week 3: (1/26, 1/28)

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

Week 4: (2/2, 2/4)

- Topic: Police
- Required Reading: CSD chap 4 (skip 137-141); TIME “Cop Today” on eLC; “NCJRS community policing excerpt.pdf”
- Online Lecture Available
- **Discussion Groups Meet This Week**

Week 5: (2/9, 2/11)

- 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
- Online Lecture Available
- **CJ Reform Activity due on 2/10 at 6:00pm on eLC**
- **Zoom only discussion this week on Thursday, 2/11 (to enjoy/discuss Reform Activity)**
 - This is **not** an essay-eligible discussion class
 - No discussion on Tuesday 2/9 (all should come on 2/11 via Zoom)

Week 6: (2/16, 2/18)

- Topics: Police and the Law
- Required Reading: CSD chap 6
- Online Lecture Available
- No Discussion Groups this week (begin exam studying, practice exam online)

Week 7: (2/23, 2/25)

- Optional Zoom @ 12:45 on 2/23 for Exam 1 mini-review/questions
 - This zoom discussion is not eligible for a discussion essay
- **Exam 1 on 2/25 at 12:45pm on eLC**
 - No new lecture or discussion this week

Week 8-9: (3/2, 3/4, 3/9, 3/11)

- Topic: Judges, Courts, and Adjudication
- Required Reading: CSD chap 7; Bach (pgs 5-76, 141-142, 196-197) (see eLC for prep questions for exam relating to Bach chapter 1 reading); “DA Gonzalez Day One Memo-ACC Prosecutor (Jan2021).pdf”
- Online Lecture Available
- No Discussion Groups these weeks

Week 10: (3/16, 3/18)

- 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; “Ghislaine Maxwell #106 order.pdf” on eLC
- Online Lecture Available
- **Special Zoom discussion talk/activity this week TBA**
 - This discussion meeting is eligible for a discussion essay
 - We will not separately meet for discussion groups this week outside of the special talk

Week 11: (3/23, 3/25)

- 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)
- Online Lecture Available
- **Discussion Groups Meet This Week**
- **First 2 Discussion Reflection Essays must be submitted no later than 3/28 @ 5:00pm on eLC**

Week 12: (3/30, 4/1)

- Tuesday: 3/30. Topic: Problem Solving Courts
 - Required Reading: “Problem Solving Cts” on eLC
- Short online Lecture Available
- **Exam 2 on Thursday 4/1 at 12:45pm on eLC**
 - No Discussion Groups this week

Week 13: (4/6)

- **Tuesday: 4/6** Topics: Punishment, sentencing, asset forfeiture
 - Required Reading: CSD chap 9; CRS2015-Crime and Forfeiture.pdf on eLC
- Online Lecture Available
- **No Class on 4/8 (instructional break)**
- No Discussion Groups this week

Week 14: (4/13, 4/15)

- Topic: Corrections; Incarceration/Prison Society
- Required Reading: CSD chap 10; CSD Chap 11
- Online Lecture Available
- **Discussion Groups Meet This Week**

Week 15: (4/20, 4/22)

- Topic: Probation/Intermediate; Reentry
- Required Reading: CSD chap 12, CSD chap 13; watch “Life on Parole” (see eLC for link and prep questions for exam)
- Online Lecture Available
- **Discussion Groups Meet This Week**

Week 16: (4/27, 4/29)

- Tuesday, 4/27: Optional Zoom @ 12:45 for mini-exam review and final thoughts
 - This zoom discussion is not eligible for a discussion essay
 - No new lecture or regular discussion this week
- **Exam 3: Thursday 4/29 at 12:45pm on eLC**

Final discussion essay must be submitted no later than 5/5 at 5:00pm on eLC