

**POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration – Fall 2021**  
**9:35-10:50 – Tuesday and Thursday; Classroom: MLC Rm 248**

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**Course Description:** Criminal Justice Administration 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		

**Exams:** The three exams will combine multiple choice, true/false, and short essay questions. All exams will be administered online on eLC, will be scheduled during our class time, and can be taken at the location of your choice (including our classroom). 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 time in class (approved discussion reflection topics will be listed on eLC). 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:** I will not be taking attendance during class. However, attendance and participation 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). You do not need to alert us if you need to miss class. If your situation is such that we should be alerted, please email the course TA at [Aidan.Gonzalez1@uga.edu](mailto:Aidan.Gonzalez1@uga.edu).

**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*, 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Used copies available online for low price.) **[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: (8/19)**

- Topic: Syllabus, introductions
- Required Reading: N/A

**Week 2: (8/24, 8/26)**

- Topic: Introduction to the CJ System; Start Crime, Typology, Data
- Required Reading: CSD chap 1 + CSD chap 2 (skip pgs 57-75)

**Week 3: (8/31, 9/2)**

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

**Week 4: (9/7, 9/9)**

- Topic: Police; Policing Issues.
- Required Reading: CSD chap 4 (skip 137-141); "NCJRS community policing excerpt.pdf"; CSD chap 5 (skip 167-183)
- **9/7: out of class activity only** – online lectures posted on eLC covering Chapters 4 & 5. Make sure completed before class on 9/9.

**Week 5: (9/14, 9/16)**

- Topics: Policing Issues; Policing Diversity and Representation
- Required Reading: Review CSD 126-128; "Cultural Diversity" on eLC; "TheobaldHaider2009" on eLC; "Epp2017-Beyond Profiling.pdf" on eLC
- **9/16: out of class activity only** – online guest lecture on race and policing posted on eLC; take time for Reform Activity coordination.

**Week 6: (9/21, 9/23)**

- Topics: Police and the Law
- Required Reading: CSD chap 6; "Real Law" (+ guiding questions for exam) on eLC
- **CJ Reform Activity due on 9/20 at 6:00pm on eLC**
- **Mini-review/Q&A for Exam 1 on 9/23 following lecture**

**Exam 1 on 9/28 at 9:35am on eLC**

**Weeks 7-8: (9/30, 10/7)**

- 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”
- **No class 10/5**

**Week 9: (10/12, 10/14)**

- Topics: Pre-trial; Bail; problem solving courts
- 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; “Problem Solving Cts” (reading and online lecture/video posted on eLC)
- **Reflection Essay #1 due on 10/12 by 9:00pm on eLC**

**Week 10 (10/19, 10/21)**

- 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)

**Exam 2 on Tuesday 10/26 at 9:35am on eLC**

**No Class – 10/28**

**Week 12: (11/2, 11/4)**

- Topics: Punishment, sentencing, asset forfeiture
  - Required Reading: CSD chap 9; CRS2015-Crime and Forfeiture.pdf on eLC

**Week 13: (11/9, 11/11)**

- Topic: Corrections; Incarceration/Prison Society
- Required Reading: CSD chap 10; CSD chap 11
- **Reflection Essay #2 due on 11/9 by 9:00pm on eLC**

**Week 14: (11/16, 11/18)**

- Topic: Probation/Intermediate; Reentry
- Required Reading: CSD chap 12, CSD chap 13

**Week 15: (11/23)**

- **11/23: out of class activity only:** watch “Life on Parole” (see eLC for link and prep questions for exam)

**Week 16: (11/30)**

- Tuesday, 11/30: catch up on remaining material; mini-exam review and final thoughts

**Exam 3: Thursday 12/2 at 9:35am on eLC**

**Reflection Essay #3 must be submitted no later than 12/12 at 5:00pm on eLC**