

**POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration – Fall 2023**  
**9:35-10:50 – Tuesday and Thursday; Classroom: South Instructional Plaza (S306)**

**Instructor:**

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**\*\*Important communication note:** All course questions and communication should go first to the TA ([karson.pennington98@uga.edu](mailto:karson.pennington98@uga.edu)), who will forward to Dr. Boyd if needed. \*\*

**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.

**Course Grading:**

3 quizzes: 5% each (15% total)

Exam 1: 28.5%

Exam 2: 28.5%

+5.5% to highest exam grade

3 Discussion Reflection Essays: 7.5% each (22.5% total)

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:** Two exams will be administered in class as scheduled. The exams will test material from your readings, lectures, and in-class discussion. The exams will be closed book/note. Unless otherwise noted, exams will NOT be cumulative. Per the course grading guidance above, your highest exam score will be worth addition % of your final grade (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.**

**Quizzes:** Three online quizzes will take place over the course of the semester. All quizzes will be administered online on eLC, will be scheduled during our class time (quizzes 1 and 2) or after the semester has ended (quiz 3), and can be taken at the location of your choice (including our classroom). The quizzes will test material from your readings, lectures, and in-class discussion. The quizzes will be open note/open book but collaboration among students is prohibited. Unless otherwise noted, quizzes will NOT be cumulative. **Makeup quizzes 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. Each discussion essay is 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 and quizzes, is necessary for the two 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 [karson.pennington98@uga.edu](mailto:karson.pennington98@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. Student assignments or quizzes generated with artificial intelligence-based technologies like ChatGPT will be deemed to be in violation of the university's academic honesty policy.

**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:**

- Required course readings will be made available on the web (eLC: <https://uga.view.usg.edu/>). Go to the Content section of our POLS 3600 course on eLC to find the readings for each class.
  - Special note: A helpful glossary of criminal justice terms has been posted in eLC Content.

**Schedule:** Assignment dates are approximate. However, barring emergency, the dates for exams and quizzes will not change. All assigned reading is to be conducted prior to the class for which it is listed.

**Thursday 8/17**

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

**Tuesday 8/22, Thursday 8/24**

- Topic: Introduction to the CJ System; Crime, Typology, Data
- Required Readings:
  - "Intro to CJ readings.pdf"
  - "Crime, Crime Types, Data Reading.pdf"

**Tuesday 8/29**

- Topics: Criminal Law and Procedure
- Required Readings:
  - "Criminal Law and Procedure Readings.pdf"

**No class: Thursday 8/31** (Professor Boyd at American Political Science Association Annual meeting)

- Out of class activity: Work on Reflection Essay #1

**Tuesday 9/5, Thursday 9/7**

- Topic: Introducing Police; Police Investigation
- Required Readings:
  - "Intro to Policing Readings.pdf"
- **Reflection Essay #1 due on Tuesday, 9/5 by 9:00pm on eLC**

## Tuesday 9/12

- Topic: Policing Issues
- Required Readings:
  - “Policing Issues Readings.pdf”
  - “NYT-Thin Blue Line Getting Thinner-6-12-22.pdf”
  - “NYT-Uvalde Families Police Accountability 6-5-22.pdf”

## Quiz 1 (online) on 9/12 or 9/13:

- Quiz released on eLC at 11:15am on 9/12
- Must be completed during 40 minute (consecutive) chunk of your choice at **some point prior to Thursday 9/14 at 8:30am**. (Once you start the quiz on eLC, you have 40 minutes to complete it and can not exit)
- Full directions will be provided in advance

## Thursday 9/14: Guest Speaker

- Guest speaker content may be on Exam 1 per in-class details; guest speaker discussion can also be used for a reflection essay.

## Tuesday 9/19

- Topics: Policing Diversity and Representation; Body Cameras
- Required Reading: “Policing Diversity and Representation Readings.pdf”; Body camera policy-July2022 article.pdf
- Optional reading (not tested on but great resource): “Race, Place, and Effective Policing” on eLC

## Thursday 9/21, Tuesday 9/26

- Topics: Police and the Law
- Required Readings:
  - “police and law readings.pdf”
  - “Real Law” (+ guiding questions for exam) on eLC
- **Mini-review/Q&A for Exam 1 on 9/26 following lecture**

## Thursday 9/28 – No class

- Use time to prepare for Exam 1
- In-class updates provided for TA Karson’s office hours

## Tuesday 10/3--Exam 1 at 9:35am in classroom (in person)

## Thursday 10/5, Tuesday 10/10

- Topic: Judges, Courts, and Adjudication
- Required Readings:
  - “Judges, Courts, and Adjudication Readings.pdf”
  - “Bach Readings” (see eLC for prep questions for exam relating to Bach reading)

## Thursday 10/12 – No Class

- Out of class activities:
  - “Problem Solving Cts” (reading and online lecture/video posted on eLC)
  - Work on Reflection Essay #2

## Tuesday 10/17

- Topics: Pre-trial; Bail
- Required Reading: “Pre-trial and Bail Readings.pdf”
- **Reflection Essay #2 due on Wednesday, 10/18 by 9:00pm on eLC**

### **Thursday 10/19, Tuesday 10/24**

- Topic: Plea bargaining; Trial
- Required Reading: “plea bargaining and trials readings.pdf”

### **Thursday 10/26: Quiz 2 (online)**

- **No in person class this day**
- Quiz released on eLC at 8:00am on 10/26.
- Must be completed during 40 minute (consecutive) chunk of your choice at **some point prior to Thursday 10/26 at 11:00am**. (Once you start the quiz on eLC, you have 40 minutes to complete it and can not exit)
- Full directions will be provided in advance

### **Tuesday 10/31**

- Topics: Punishment, sentencing, asset forfeiture
- Required Reading: “Sentencing and Punishment Readings.pdf”

### **Thursday 11/2**

- Topic: Wrongful convictions
- Required Reading: “Wrongful convictions readings.pdf”
- Watch on your own “The Plea” (with worksheet on eLC to help prep for exam)

### **Tuesday 11/7, Thursday 11/9**

- Topic: Corrections; Incarceration/Prison Society
- Required Reading: “Corrections and Prisons Readings.pdf”
- **Reflection Essay #3 due on 11/8 by 9:00pm on eLC**

### **Tuesday 11/14**

- Catch up, mini-review for Exam 2

### **Thursday Exam 2: 11/16 at 9:35am in classroom**

### **Tuesday 11/21:**

- **out of class activity (no class):** watch “Life on Parole” (see eLC for link and prep questions for quiz 3)

### **Thursday 11/23:** Thanksgiving, no class

### **Tuesday 11/28:** Topic: Probation/Intermediate; Reentry

- Required Reading: “Probation, Intermediate, and Reentry Readings.pdf”

### **Thursday 11/30:** U.S. vs. Italian Criminal Justice System

- Required Reading: “Freccero1994-shortened.pdf”

### **Quiz 3 Due 12/6 @ 9:00pm**

- Note: Pay attention to in-class announcements about the content and format for Quiz 3 since it may differ from Quizzes 1 and 2.