

CCJS 457: Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice
Fall 2007 ~ 3 credits
Monday and Wednesday, 11:00am to 12:15pm, Building and Room
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Course Description:

This course will investigate and compare international criminal justice issues. The practices of specific countries will be compared to those of the United States. It will provide an understanding of selected international criminal justice systems including police, courts, and correctional systems. It will analyze crime as an international problem and global phenomenon. Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the dilemmas confronting criminal justice systems worldwide.

Required Reading

Reichel, Philip L. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, 5th Edition. Prentice Hall 2008.

Occasional handouts

Office Hours

By appointment, but I am usually available after class.

Course Methodology

The class will consist of lectures, classroom discussion/activities, visual aids, and guest lecturers. Students are responsible for any information provided in class as well as any information provided in the textbook. All readings should be completed prior to the scheduled class. **Students are expected to arrive on time for every class.** Should students lapse into a pattern of chronic late arrivals and/or failure to complete the reading assignments, closed book, unannounced quizzes will be given. These quizzes will be incorporated into the homework assignment portion of your grade.

Examinations

There will be two examinations. The mid-term examination is scheduled for October 22, 2007. The final examination is scheduled for December 14, 2007. Both exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions. Unless prior permission is given, all students are required to take the examination on the day it is administered. If prior permission is not obtained, students will receive a zero ("0") for that examination. The instructor is not bound to provide the same examination/format for make-up examinations.

Papers

Students are required to complete one paper and various homework assignments throughout the course of the semester. Assignments and due dates are contained in the

course schedule. Assignments will be typed, double spaced, using a 12 point font, with 1 inch top, bottom, and side margins, and stapled. A cover page is not necessary, however the course number, date, assignment number, and your name are required to appear on the front page of the assignment. Late and/or handwritten papers will not be accepted and you will receive a zero (“0”) for that assignment. **Proper citations are required.**

Class Participation

You are expected to actively and constructively participate in class. Class participation is important to both understanding assigned readings and performing well on other assignments in the class.

Grading Criteria

Homework Assignments/Unannounced Quizzes: 15%

Mid-Term Examination: 25%

Paper: 15%

Final Examination: 30%

Class Participation: 15%

Course Schedule and Reading Assignments

August 29, 2007

Course Introduction

Paper #1 Assigned (Extradition Treaty)

Reading Handout – Extradition Treaty

September 3, 2007

No Class

Labor Day

September 5, 2007

Chapter 1: An International Perspective

September 10, 2007

Chapter 2: Crime, Transnational Crime, and Justice

Homework Assignment #1 (Transnational crime)

Additional Reading Assignment: Cross National Studies on Crime and Justice

Paper #1 Due (15% of final grade)

September 12, 2007

Chapter 2: Crime, Transnational Crime, and Justice

Homework Assignment #1 Due (2% of final grade)

Homework Assignment # 2 assigned (Human Trafficking)

September 17, 2007

Chapter 2: Crime, Transnational Crime, and Justice

Homework Assignment #2 Due (4% of final grade)

September 19, 2007

Chapter 2: Crime, Transnational Crime, and Justice

September 24, 2007

Chapter 3: An American Perspective on Criminal Law

September 26, 2007

Chapter 4: Legal Traditions

October 1, 2007

Chapter 4: Legal Traditions

October 3, 2007

Chapter 4: Legal Traditions

October 8, 2007

Chapter 4: Legal Traditions

October 10, 2007

Chapter 4: Legal Traditions

Chapter 5: Substantive and Procedural Law in the Four Legal Traditions

Homework Assignment #3 (Islamic law)

October 15, 2007

Chapter 5: Substantive and Procedural Law in the Four Legal Traditions

Homework Assignment #3 Due (2% of final grade)

October 17, 2007

Chapter 5: Substantive and Procedural Law in the Four Legal Traditions

October 22, 2007

Mid-Term Examination

October 24, 2007

Chapter 6: An International Perspective on Policing

Homework Assignment #4 (Police Corruption)

October 29, 2007

Chapter 6: An International Perspective on Policing

Homework Assignment #4 Due (2% of final grade)

October 31, 2007

Chapter 6: An International Perspective on Policing

November 5, 2007

Chapter 6: An International Perspective on Policing

November 7, 2007

Chapter 6: An International Perspective on Policing

Chapter 7: An International Perspective on Courts

November 12, 2007

Chapter 7: An International Perspective on Courts

November 14, 2007

Chapter 8: An International Perspective on Corrections

November 19, 2007

Chapter 8: An International Perspective on Corrections

November 21, 2007

Chapter 9: An International Perspective on Juvenile Justice

November 26, 2007

Chapter 9: An International Perspective on Juvenile Justice

Chapter 10: Japan: Examples of Effectiveness and Borrowing

November 28, 2007

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December 3, 2007

Special Topics

December 5, 2007

Special Topics

December 10, 2007

Special Topics

Review for Final Exam

December 14, 2007

Final Examination 11:00am to 1:00pm

Student Responsibilities

Regarding assignments and examinations, students should always observe the highest standards regarding academic honesty and integrity. Your academic work should be the result of your efforts, thoughts, and ideas. When writing papers or assignments, you should consistently use an appropriate citation style, indicating exactly where you are quoting or have been inspired by the work of others.

Cheating on any assignment or examination will result in the following disciplinary actions: (1) "XF" (a cheating F) will be the grade earned for the course, and (2) possible expulsion from the UMCP's B.A. Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Shady Grove Center, effective the following semester. All cases of academic misconduct will be referred to the Student Honor Council at UMCP. Examples of conduct meriting such disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) cheating on an examination with or without the assistance of another student or students (2) submitting, as your own work, a paper that is either wholly or partially plagiarized, such as purchasing a paper from an internet site or superficially rewriting the work of others without proper citation, or (3) collaborating with fellow students on assignments or take-home examinations for which you were instructed to work alone.

Missing a class to participate in a religious observance or to seek medical care constitutes an excused absence. Please inform me in advance, if possible, if you will need to miss a class for such reasons. It remains your responsibility to check with fellow students for missed class notes.

Should a student need accommodations in the classroom or for assignments/examinations due to a verified, documented learning or physical disability, please inform me of your situation immediately, so proper UMCP documentation and accommodation procedures are followed.