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NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

FALL 2023 Course Syllabus

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

NOTE: Students are responsible for reading, understanding and following the syllabus.

Undergraduate Course Information

Course Name: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Course Prefix/Number/Section: 100

Days and Times: Online

Credit Hours: 3

Class Location: Distance Learning

Instructor Contact Information

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Communication

If there are every any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail and/or call me at the e-mail address and/or number listed above. Please allow 24-48 hours to receive a response to all voicemail messages and/or e-mails. There will also be a GroupMe for the course. An invitation will be sent out to the class via e-mail.

Student Hours

Student hours are held every **Monday** from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Should you wish to schedule a Zoom meeting, please send me an e-mail requesting same and I will provide a Zoom link for the meeting.

Course Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites to this course.

Course Description

This course covers an introduction to criminal justice with a focus on the foundation of criminal justice, law enforcement, Courts, corrections and the like.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes (SLO)

1. **Objective:** Effectively utilizing critical thinking skills to understand, comprehend and analyze theoretical and conceptual frameworks of criminology and criminal justice.

Outcome: Students will demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking to identify, evaluate and analyze problems and will be able to identify and distinguish core criminal justice and criminological theories.

2. **Objective:** Effectively communicate ideas and concepts, as well as modes of inquiry, across disciplines but particularly in the areas of criminology and criminal justice.

Outcome: Students will demonstrate proficiency in oral and/or written communication as well as the ability to compare and contrast, analyze, articulate and summarize concepts relating to Criminology and criminal justice.

3. **Objective:** Apply multiple modes of inquiry, including quantitative and qualitative analysis, to formulate, describe, evaluate, and solve problems.

Outcome: Students will demonstrate the ability to apply multiple modes of inquiry, including quantitative and qualitative analysis, to formulate, describe, evaluate, and solve problems.

4. **Objective:** To establish basic familiarity and knowledge of the institutional and social dynamics of criminal justice in world society.

Outcome: Students will demonstrate a global literacy through their international and intercultural awareness.

5. **Objective:** To introduce ethical reasoning and professional standards for academic success and character development.

Outcome: Students will be able to articulate ethical concepts and demonstrate ethical practices and will be able to define, identify and evaluate the ethical and moral principles operating/applied to political science and criminal justice issues.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Required Texts: Rennison, Callis Marie & Dodge, Mary, *Introduction to Criminal Justice: Systems, Diversity and Change*. Fourth Edition. Sage. 2022.

Required Materials: N/A

Suggested Course Materials

Suggested Readings/Texts: TBA

Suggested Materials: N/A

Grading Policy

Course Grade Scale

94% and above	A		76% - 74%	C
93% - 90%	A-		73% - 70%	C-
89% - 87%	B+		69% - 67%	D+
86% - 84%	B		66% - 64%	D
83% - 80%	B-		63% - 60%	F

79% - 77%	C+		
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Grading Allocation

Course grades are based on a weighted grading scale of 100%. The breakdown for the course is as follows:

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| 1. Syllabus Quiz: | 10% |
| 2. Discussion Boards: | 20% |
| 3. Quizzes: | 20% |
| 4. Exams: | 30% |
| 5. Research Paper: | 20% |

Course Policies

Use Of Blackboard as The Learning Management System

Blackboard is the primary online instructional and course communications platform. Students can access the course syllabus, assignments, grades, and learner support resources. Students are encouraged to protect their login credentials, complete a Blackboard orientation and log in daily to course.

Other Policies

All assignments, including, but not limited to, all quizzes, discussion board posts, and exams, should be submitted and uploaded to Blackboard by or before the deadline. All assignments are located in each week's module on Blackboard and are due on or by 11:59 P.M. on Sunday. All due dates will be specifically outlined in each module, respectively. Late assignments will **not be accepted**.

Research Paper

Students will be tasked with authoring a research paper for this course. Students are free to select any desired topic in the criminal justice field. Research papers must include, but are not limited to, the following sections:

- Title Page
- Introduction
- Methodology/Results
- Discussion/Conclusion
- Reference Page

Late papers will **not be accepted**. Your paper should be 5-7 pages in length (not including your title and reference pages), 12 point, double spaced, Times New Roman font. You must cite at least eight (5) scholarly references. Plagiarism of any sort will not be tolerated, whatsoever, and will result in an automatic "0" as a final grade for the paper.

Class Schedule

Week	Subject	Reading, Activity, Homework, Exam
8.23.23	WELCOME WEEK!	SYLLABUS REVIEW (Syllabus Quiz Due 1.15.23 by 11:59 P.M.)
8.28.23	CHAPTER 1 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 1 (due 9.3.23 by 11:59P)
9.4.23*	CHAPTER 2 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 2 (due 9.10.23 by 11:59P)
9.11.23	CHAPTER 3 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 3 (due 9.17.23 by 11:59P)
9.18.23	CHAPTER 4 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 4 (due 9.24.23 by 11:59P)
9.25.23	CHAPTER 5 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 5 (due 10.1.23 by 11:59P)
10.2.23	CHAPTER 6 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 6 (due 10.8.23 by 11:59P)
10.9.23*	CHAPTER 7 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 7 (due 10.15.23 by 11:59P)
10.16.23*	CHAPTER 8 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 8 (due 10.22.23 by 11:59P)
10.23.23	CHAPTER 9 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 9 (due 10.29.23 by 11:59P)
10.30.23	CHAPTER 10 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 10 (due 11.5.23 by 11:59P)
11.6.23	CHAPTER 11 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 11 (due 11.12.23 by 11:59P)
11.13.23	CHAPTER 12 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 12 (due 11.19.23 by 11:59P)
11.20.23*	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	NO CLASS
11.27.23	CHAPTER 13 (Rennison & Dodge, 2022)	MODULE 13 (due 12.3.23 by 11:59P)
12.4.23	RESEARCH WEEK	RESEARCH PAPER (due 12.10.23 by 11:59P)
12.11.23	FINAL EXAM WEEK	FINAL EXAM DUE 12.13.23

* These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

*September 4, 2023: Labor Day (No Class)

*October 9-10, 2023: Fall Break (No Class)

*November 2, 2023: Fall Convocation

*November 20-21, 2023: Mental Health Days (No Class)

*November 22-24, 2023: Happy Thanksgiving (No Class)

Please refer to Blackboard for all University Policies.