

American Criminal Justice

Grades:	9th – 12th
Day of Week:	Monday
Time of Class:	11:00 am – 12:30 pm ET
Length of Class:	20 weeks
Semester:	Fall & Winter
Tuition:	\$400.00
High School Credit:	1 – Social Studies

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of October 4

Week 2: Week of October 11

Week 3: Week of October 18

Week 4: Week of October 25

Week 5: Week of November 1

Week 6: Week of November 8

Week 7: Week of November 15

No classes: November 22 – November 26 (Thanksgiving Week)

Week 8: Week of November 29

Week 9: Week of December 6

Week 10: Week of December 13

Make Up Week: Week of January 3

Week 1: Week of January 10

Week 2: Week of January 17

Week 3: Week of January 24

Week 4: Week of January 31

Week 5: Week of February 7

Week 6: Week of February 14

Week 7: Week of February 21

Week 8: Week of February 28

Week 9: Week of March 7

Week 10: Week of March 14

Make Up Week: Week of March 21

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Description of Class:

American Criminal Justice is an introduction and overview of the administration of criminal justice in American Society. This course will explore the roles, history, and current practices of the three major components of the criminal justice system to include the police, courts, and corrections. This course will also focus on emerging trends and the impact of terrorism on the Criminal Justice system. The class will be conducted with the use of seminars, chapter quizzes, and research projects requiring the student to research criminal justice related topics and further research the area of this career field that interests the student. This class will also include a short student presentation.

Class Approach:

This class is a combination of lecture, video clips as well as discussion.

Goals:

For students to understand how the American Criminal Justice system works.

Textbook:

Criminal Justice in America

ISBN-10 : 1886253463

ISBN-13 : 978-1886253469

https://www.amazon.com/Criminal-Justice-in-America/dp/1886253463/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&keywords=Criminal+Justice+in+America%2C+5th+Edition&qid=1609636326&sr=8-7

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- Access to a computer
- Internet Access
 - At times, instructor will share an article or video to be viewed in preparation for class
- Notebook
- Microphone
- Camera (Smart Phone Camera is absolutely fine)

Requirements:

Students will be expected to interact in class. Students will be required to complete assignments in a timely manner. Students need to respect each other.

Weekly Homework:

Every week there will be a combination of reading, viewing of video clips as well as writing. You can expect about 2 hours of homework weekly.

Homework Policy:

Homework will be due prior to class for students to receive full credit unless arrangements have been made in advance. Students will receive partial credit for homework submitted within two class periods of due date. No credit will be given for homework turned in after two weeks. Additionally, any outstanding homework needs to be turned in prior to any unit test, even if that is sooner than the two weeks.

Grading Scale:

90-100 =	A
89-80 =	B
79-70 =	C
69-60 =	D
59 and below:	F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction Chapter 1 – Crime
Week 2	Chapter 2 – Defenses
Week 3	Chapter 3 – Criminals Chapter 4 – Crime Victims Open Book Test for Chapters 1 - 4
Week 4	Chapter 5 – Police and Society
Week 5	Chapter 6 – Methods and Investigation Chapter 7 – Forensic Science
Week 6	Chapter 8 – Police and the Law Chapter 9 – The Limits of Police Authority Open Book Test for Chapters 5 - 9
Week 7	Chapter 10 - Courts and the Case Process Chapter 11 – Investigation and Arrest
Week 8	Chapter 12 – Pre-Trial
Week 9	Chapter 13 – Trial Open Book Test for Chapters 10 - 13
Week 10	Chapter 14 – Sentencing Chapter 15 – Prison
Week 11	Chapter 16 - Alternatives to Prison
Week 12	Chapter 17 – Capital Punishment Open Book Test for Chapters 14 - 17
Week 13	Chapter 18 - From Criminal to Delinquent Chapter 19 – The Problem with Delinquency
Week 14	Chapter 20 – Children and the Constitution
Week 15	Chapter 21 – Juvenile Corrections Open Book Test for Chapters 18 - 21
Week 16	Chapter 22 - The Causes of Crime
Week 17	Chapter 23 – Crime and Government
Week 18	Chapter 24 – Crime and the Citizen Open Book Test for Chapters 22 - 24
Week 19	Student Project Presentations End of Class Jeopardy Review for Final
Week 20	Final Exam

