

CRJ 409 CURRENT ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Syllabus

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COURSE CREDIT:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

SOC 201 The Sociological Imagination

COURSE MATERIALS:

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to www.exstudies.adams.edu and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 775** to order books from Bookstore site.

Required Textbook

Peak, K. J. (2004). *Justice administration: Police, courts, and corrections management*. (4th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson-Prentice Hall. ISBN No. 0-13-112300-9.

Secondary Textbook:

Stojkovic, S., Klofas, J., & Kalinich, D. (2004). *The administration and management of criminal justice organizations: A book of readings*. (4th ed.). Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, Inc. ISBN No. 1-57766-310-1.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course analyzes the criminal justice process and its effects on practitioners, clients, and the public. It examines resources, organizational status, and leadership in regards to law enforcement agencies, courts, and correctional settings, with particular emphasis on how leadership influences the effectiveness of the organization. The construct of bureaucracy and the major philosophical foundations of leadership are also examined.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

During this course, we will study a variety of organizational concepts regarding the administration of criminal justice and how these concepts are related to current issues within society and the legal system.

- Students will examine and be able to explain the philosophy of law enforcement administration, court administration, and corrections management.
- Students will examine and be able to discuss the ethical concerns impacting criminal justice administration, connecting these concerns to society and to the legal system.
- Students will apply the crime control and due process model to each segment of the criminal justice system.
- Students will examine contemporary issues and programs dealing with the administration of criminal justice.
- Students will discuss the implications of criminal justice administration on society.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Assignments: All assignments should be completed after reading the text.

Requirement 1: Approximately 60% of final grade.

ASSIGNMENTS: You will read the assignments outlined in this syllabus. After each reading assignment, you are required to complete the chapter review questions at the end of each chapter in the *Justice Administration* textbook. Please type, double-spaced, your answers to the chapter questions. There will be 18 homework assignments. The response to each of the questions needs to be long enough to give a thoughtful and thorough answer. In addition, several chapters of reading have been assigned from the *The Administration and Management* textbook. It is very important that you complete all of the readings as assigned. Incorporate the readings of both textbooks in your responses to the chapter review questions. Please note: Spelling, grammar, and appropriate punctuation will be a part of the grade. *Each assignment is worth 25 points for a total of 450 points.*

Requirement 2: 27% of final grade.

PROCTORED EXAMS: You will be required to take proctored **midterm** and **final exams**. It is the responsibility of the student to secure a location to take the test. If you live near a high school or local community college—they may be good places to take the tests. Extended Studies will mail the exams directly to the person at the location where the test will be taken. Please refer to the Guidelines for Proctored Exams and submit your Exam Request Forms. The test will consist of true/false, multiple choice, and short answer questions. **After Assignment 9 has been completed, you may take the midterm exam. After Assignment 18 has been completed, you may take the final exam.** *Each test is worth 100 points for a total of 200 points.*

Requirement 3: Approximately 13% of final grade.

CRITICAL ANALYSIS–FINAL PAPER: After all of your assignments, midterm, and final exams have been completed, you may begin working on your final paper. There are several articles contained in *The Administration and Management of Criminal Justice Organization* that were not assigned as readings. Choose any three articles, which have not been assigned and illustrate the concepts that you have learned throughout this course. Do you agree or disagree with the authors? Your task is to critically evaluate the material, form an opinion, and defend your position. You will write ONE, four- to six-page paper.

You will integrate the readings from both books in your paper. In addition to the four- to six-pages of typewritten information, you will also include a cover page and reference page. You are required to use at least three additional scholarly resources (books and journals). You may use Internet sources; however, you **MUST** include copies of the Internet sources with your final paper. Your paper will be four- to six-pages, typed, double-spaced, APA formatted, include a cover a page and reference page. You will also cite from your resources throughout this project as appropriate. Please note: Spelling, grammar, and appropriate punctuation will be a part of the final grade. **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.** *This paper is worth 100 points.*

EXTRA CREDIT: You have the opportunity for one extra credit assignment. Extra credit is only an option for students who have completed all of the assignments. Extra credit may not be done in lieu of any assignment. **This is an optional assignment and is not mandatory.** Choose two case studies from *Justice Administration*, and write up a critique of the information. (Case studies can be found on pages: 82, 113, 140, 163, 184, 201, 227, 247, 270, 290, 318, 350, 384, 414, and 459). Explain the importance of these cases studies. Do you agree or disagree with the presentation? Is the information relevant? This paper should be at least three pages in length. This paper should be typed, double-spaced, APA format, complete with a reference page and cover page. *The extra credit assignment is worth 50 points.*

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

Assignments	450 points
Proctored Midterm Exam	100 points
Proctored Final Exam	100 points
Final Paper	<u>100 points</u>
Total Points	750

Scale:

675-750	A
599-674	B
523-598	C
447-522	D
446 and below	F

COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

ADA Statement: Students seeking academic accommodation should contact this instructor prior to beginning the course of study.

IMPORTANT: Keep a copy of all your assignments in the unlikely event that they get lost in the mail.

If you have any questions about the assignments or any of the information covered in this syllabus, contact your instructor. This class is designed for your success. Make a commitment to yourself and your education. You are now ready to begin working on your assignments!