

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**  
**School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy**  
**Department of Criminology and Criminal justice**  
**FALL 2022 SEMESTER**

**CJUS 1100 *Introduction to Criminal Justice***

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**Class:** 6<sup>th</sup> Period

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

Cole, G. F., Dejong, C. and Smith, C.E. (2015). *The American System of Criminal Justice* (15<sup>th</sup> ed.). Belmont: Thomson Wadsworth.

*\*\*Students are responsible for acquiring their own textbooks for this course\*\**

*Optional Reference Text:*

American Psychological Association (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

In this course students will learn about criminological theories, the criminal justice system, including the court system and laws, all facets of law enforcement, and the department of corrections. Students will gain a deep understanding and history of criminal justice in the United States. Students are responsible for a per semester tuition cost and a fee for textbooks.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**If you need special accommodations because of a disability or medical condition, please see me during the first week of classes so satisfactory accommodations can be made.**

**POLICIES:**

**Academic Honesty:** In all work, students are expected to follow standards of academic honesty, as outlined in the Student Handbook. Cheating on exams or assignments will result in failure in the course. Plagiarism is cheating and will result in failure in the course.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students should familiarize themselves with the withdrawal procedures of the University, which are explained in the *General Bulletin*. If it should become necessary for a student to withdraw from a course, the student should do so at the earliest possible time. Any student enrolled in the course who does not meet the requirements and who neglects to withdraw in the manner provided by The University of Memphis will receive a failing grade.

**Cell Phone/Electronics Usage:** All electronic devices (including cell phones) will **NOT** be allowed in class unless told otherwise by the instructor.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. *Attendance and Participation* is important to the learning process and they both will impact your grade. Due to the amount of material to be covered in the semester it is vital that you make every attempt possible to be in class. An abundance of absences will make achieving desired grades more difficult, so please try to be present and on time, ready to learn.
2. Each week we will cover a large amount of information. Once again, due to this being a semester course, we will be moving in an expedited manner. Therefore, it is crucial that you read, and review assigned material in a timely manner. Doing so, especially prior to assessments, will increase your overall likelihood of success in the course. Further, readings over particular topics/chapters/etc. should be completed prior to coming to class.
3. *Tests/Exams/Quizzes:*
  - a. will cover all materials provided in texts, handouts, lecture comments, and multimedia presentations.
  - b. quizzes may be given throughout the semester and without notice
  - c. tests will be given after completion of assigned readings/chapters
  - d. the semester exam/final will be cumulative.
4. *Homework/Discussion Questions:* Students will be responding to various discussion questions that reflect the material being covered during class. In addition, students may be required to complete various assignments outside of class time. Each of these will account for a large portion of your overall, final grade in the course.
5. *Projects/Papers:* Throughout the semester, there will be several projects/papers that will be assigned to further reinforce the material being presented. It is important that you complete these projects in a timely and professional manner. Failure to do so will result in a lowered grade.

## **GRADE DISTRIBUTION:**

<b>Tests</b>	30%
<b>Projects</b>	20%
<b>Quizzes</b>	20%
<b>Homework/Discussion Questions</b>	30%

*Note: Since this is a Dual Enrollment course, 4 points will be added at the end of each grading quarter as well as the semester exam.*