



SYLLABUS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJU 1101: FOUNDATIONS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SPRING 2020

Course Information

Class meeting time: Modality and Location: Face to Face course;

Instructor Information

Name:
Email:
Office Location:
Cell Phone:
Office Hours:
Preferred method of communication: Please email me at

I will respond to all emails within 24 hours Monday-Thursday and within 48 hours over the weekend. If you have an immediate question or concern that cannot wait, you may contact me via my cell phone (provided above) with a call or text message. If you text or email me, please identify yourself and what class you are in before proceeding with questions.

Course Description

This course serves as an introduction to the criminal justice system. A broad overview of law enforcement, courts, and corrections is provided. Students will be introduced to common terminology used in the criminal justice system, as well as common approaches to handling crime in the United States. Special topics in criminal justice also will be explored.

Course Materials

Required Texts: There is no required text for this course. All materials will be provided in class and through D2L.

Technology requirements: All students must have access to D2L.

Learning Outcomes

CRJU 1101 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University's general education program requirements. It addresses the Social Sciences general education learning outcome(s). The learning outcome states: Students analyze how human relationships develop, persist, and/or change. For more information about KSU's General Education program requirements and associated learning outcomes, please visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=44&poid=5249.

Course Requirements and Assignments

This course will consist of two exams, a career profile and multiple in-class participation assignments. The midterm will cover all material up to that point. The final exam is comprehensive of all material from the first day of class. Each student will complete a career profile with details on the assignment to be provided in class. Additionally, various pop quizzes or other in-class assignments will be given unannounced.

I may elect to give an extra credit assignment, but that is at my discretion and the decision will be made mid-way through the semester. If extra credit is offered, it will be offered to the entire class at once. I will not entertain individual requests for extra credit later.

Evaluation and Grading Policies

All test and assignment grades will be loaded in D2L within 7 days.

Grading Scale:

90%-100%	A
80%- 89%	B
70%- 79%	C
60%- 69%	D
0% - 59%	F

I will round up a grade if it is greater than .5. For example, an 89.6 would be rounded up to an A but an 89.2 would remain a B.

Course Policies

While attendance is not taken, I expect students to attend class. If you are unable to attend class, you are responsible for getting the missed materials. You should speak with your classmates to get the notes as I will not give out my lecture notes. Students are responsible for any material presented in class including lectures, discussions, and films shown in class.

Late career profiles will incur a 10 point penalty per day late. In class assignments cannot be made up.

It is your responsibility to be in class for exams. Make up exams are at the discretion of the instructor, based on a legitimate medical/family emergency. Documentation may be requested.

Students should familiarize themselves with the University's Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, I have the following requirements in my classroom:

- Please be on time to class. Coming in late is disruptive to your classmates and to me.
- Please turn off all electronic devices (including laptops) or place them on silent.
- Please be respectful of your classmates and not carry on side conversations while others are speaking. I will stop the class if you are disruptive to other students.
- I do not allow my lectures to be recorded without prior approval from me.

The topics covered in any Criminal Justice course can be sensitive in nature. I appreciate hearing every student's thoughts and ideas, but request that all thoughts are shared with respect. Most students will already have preconceived notions concerning the justice system and law enforcement and we will challenge those in this course.

Institutional Policies

Federal, BOR, & KSU Course Syllabus Policies:

[http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/federal bor ksu student policies.php](http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/federal_bor_ksu_student_policies.php)

Student Resources:

[http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu student resources for course syllabus.php](http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu_student_resources_for_course_syllabus.php)

Academic Integrity Statement:

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

KSU Student Resources

This link contains information on help and resources available to students:

[https://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu student resources for course syllabus.php](https://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu_student_resources_for_course_syllabus.php)

Course Schedule

I reserve the right to adjust this schedule as needed for our individual class. There may be times where we are invested in a topic and spend more time than originally planned and I will adjust our schedule. Every class is different and has different interests and needs.

Week 1- Jan 6, 8, 10	Welcome to class and Course Overview
Week 2- Jan 13, 15, 17	The Nature of Crime and Victimization
Week 3- Jan 20, 22, 24	Criminal Law: Substance and Procedure NO CLASS January 20
Week 4- Jan 27, 29, 31	Police in Society
Week 5- Feb 3, 5, 7	Police Role and Function
Week 6- Feb 10, 12, 14	Issues in Policing
Week 7- Feb 17, 19, 21	MidTerm Review on Monday MidTerm in class on Wednesday
Week 8- Feb 24, 26, 28	The Courts Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is October 9

Week 9- Mar 2, 4, 6	Pretrial and Trial Procedures
Week 10- Mar 9, 11, 13	Trial and Sentencing
Week 11- Mar 16, 18, 20	Community Sentences
Week 12- Mar 23, 25, 27	Corrections
Week 13- Mar 30, Apr 1 , 3	NO CLASS- Spring Break
Week 14- Apr 6, 8, 10	Corrections Continued
Week 15- Apr 13, 15, 17	Prison Life
Week 16- Apr 20, 22, 24	Special Topics
Week 17- Apr 27	Final Exam Prep
May 4	Final Exam Monday May 4 10:30 am to 12:30 pm