Student Information Plan
Introduction to Criminal Justice – CRIJ 1301
Internet (WebCT)

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Course Description

CRIJ 1301
Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 credits)
History and philosophy of criminal justice and ethical considerations; crime defined; its nature and impact; overview of the criminal justice system; law enforcement; court system; prosecution and defense; trial process; corrections.

This independent study course in Introduction to Criminal Justice allows the student to take on the responsibility of working through the theories and application of modern criminal justice and correctional practices without classroom instruction. While this course offers the student added flexibility in terms of when and where the learning occurs, it requires additional self-discipline on the part of the student. Completion of the course is the student’s responsibility.

The materials covered in this independent study: Introduction to Criminal Justice: Tenth Edition, Larry J. Siegel and Joseph J. Senna

The instructor will be available throughout the semester for advice, consultation, and guidance. You are encouraged to drop by from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You might call my secretary and make sure I will be in, 281-756-3619. I will respond to your e-mail within 24 hours, Monday through Thursday, and within 72 hours of your e-mail if received on Friday.
Course Objectives

1. To be as objective as possible, presenting the many views and perspectives of the study of the criminal justice system.

2. To understand the balance of research, theory, law, corrections, courts, law enforcement.

3. To give thorough and updated material on criminal justice theory and concepts.

4. To encourage the student to pursue reading and understanding criminal justice outside this course.

Course Outline

1. The Nature of Crime, Law, and Criminal Justice 1
   Chapter 1  Crime and Criminal Justice 3
   Chapter 2  The Nature and Extent of Crime 41
   Chapter 3  Understanding Crime and Victimization 75
   Chapter 4  Criminal Law: Substance and Procedure 119
   Test 1

2. The Police and Law Enforcement 145
   Chapter 5  Police in Society: History and Organization 147
   Chapter 6  The Police: Organization, Role, Function 175
   Chapter 7  Issues In Policing 207
   Chapter 8  Police and the Rule of Law 245
   Test 2

3. Courts and Adjudication 271
   Chapter 9  The Courts and the Judiciary 273
   Chapter 10  The Prosecution and the Defense 299
   Chapter 11  Pretrial Procedures 329
   Chapter 12  The Criminal Trial 357
   Chapter 13  Punishment and Sentencing 389
   Test 3

4. Corrections 429
   Chapter 14  Community Sentences: Probation, Intermediate Sanctions, and Restorative Justice 431
   Chapter 15  Corrections: History, Institutions, and Populations 469
   Chapter 16  Prison Life: Living in and Leaving Prison 501
   Test 4
General Course Requirements and Student Evaluation

Upon completion of the reading assignment, the student will be required to take an exam using WebCT. All four tests are 100 points (50 multiple-choice).

The multiple choice questions are “test bank” questions written by the publishers of the textbook. There are four exams and the student’s final grade is an average of those four exams.

In order to receive a grade and credit for this self-paced class, the student must complete all four exams by the designated date. Failure to complete the course work will result in a grade of F. A student may withdraw from the course by contacting the Admissions and Academic Advising Office on or before the Spring 2007 withdrawal date. It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from this course.

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