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SOCI 221.01: Criminal Justice System

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Criminal Justice System is an introductory course that focuses on the field of criminal justice. We will examine the history and structure of the American justice system, the history of law enforcement, the court system, and the corrections process. We will take a practical approach to these areas of criminal justice that will provide in a solid foundation for those interested in careers in law, law enforcement, corrections, forensics, and other areas in this ever-changing field.


Our class discussions will generally follow the text, as follows:

**Part One: Problems, Measurement, Theories, and Law**

- Chapter One: Crime and the Problem of Social Control
- Chapter Two: The Nature and Measurement of Law
- Chapter Three: Theories of Crime
- Chapter Four: Criminal Law

**Part Two: Enforcing the Law**

- Chapter Five: History and Org. of Law Enforcement pp. 166-191
- Chapter Six: Policing and the Law
- Chapter Seven: Issues in Policing

**Part Three: The Role of the Courts**
Chapter Eight  The History and Org. of Courts  pp. 286-305
Chapter Nine  Working in the Courtroom  all
Chapter Ten  The Disposition  all

Part Four: From Penology to Corrections and Back
Chapter Eleven  Control and Punishment  pp. 389-415
Chapter Twelve  Contemporary Prison Life  all
Chapter Thirteen  Corrections in the Community  all

Part Five: Problems in the Crosscurrents
Chapter Fourteen  Juvenile Justice  all
Chapter Fifteen  Victims and Victimless Crimes  all
Chapter Sixteen  Trends  omit

We will have quizzes at the end of most chapters, and tests at the end of each section. There will be a final exam at the end of the course.