

Intro to Criminal Justice

SYLLABUS

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Course Length: 1 Block, 1-Semester Fees: \$5.00 Lab fee

Course Description: In Street Law, the students will be provided practical information and problem solving opportunities that develop the knowledge and skills necessary for survival in our law-saturated society. Topics include lawmaking, citizen advocacy, settling disputes, the court system, lawyers, juvenile justice and criminal law. The students will also learn the employability, human relations, and communication skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

Textbook: Criminal Justice, A *Brief* Introduction, 2018
Frank Schmalleger, Pearson 12thn edition

Grading Policy: Students assessment will be based on 5 categories: written and demonstration unit tests, topic quizzes, assignments (including homework, class work, class activities, projects and group assignments), completion of notebook, and employability. Points will be given to each, depending upon the importance of the assessment criteria. Grades will be determined by adding the total points of the 5 categories. The total points received will be divided by the total possible to determine the percentage (see grading scale below).

GRADING SCALE:

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| A | 93-100 |
| A- | 90-92 |
| B+ | 87-89 |
| B | 83-86 |
| B- | 80-82 |
| C+ | 77-79 |
| C | 73-76 |
| C- | 70-72 |
| D+ | 67-69 |
| D | 63-66 |
| D- | 60-62 |
| F | 0-59 |

Homework Policy: Each assignment will be graded on a point basis depending upon the assignment. The criteria to be used will be neatness, completeness, grammar/spelling, content, following directions, and other miscellaneous criteria depending on the assignment and will be provided the student with the assignment.

Projects: Special assignments will be given for various units. These may be individual or group projects. Specific criteria will be given for each project. In addition, an evaluation of neatness, completeness, grammar/spelling, content, and following directions will be made.

Late Work/Absent Work Policy: Late assignments turned in within 5 school days of the due date will receive ½ credits. Assignments turned in over 5 school days late will only receive credit for a notebook grade. Late work due to absences will follow school policy.

Course Calendar:

1. Understand our Constitutional Framework
2. Identify the structure of the American Criminal Justice System
3. Research, comprehend and apply the Criminal Laws of the Ohio Revised Code, the Rules of Evidence, Search and Seizure and Arrest laws
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative branch of government and the lawmaking process.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the Juvenile Justice system
6. Research, comprehend and apply the art of Citizen Advocacy
7. Demonstrate proper employability skills, including safety skills

MAJOR COURSE PROJECTS and ASSIGNMENTS

Individual requirements will be provided with assignment. Assignments/Projects will cover technical, academic, cognitive and personal competencies.

Spelling and Vocabulary Assignments
Ohio Revised Code Assignments
Case Law Assignments
Maintain a Notebook