

CRIJ 1301
INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE (ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS)
Spring 2021
Scheduled Wednesdays, 10:30 AM to 11:50 AM

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STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

You must stay at home and report if you (1) have been diagnosed with COVID19, (2) are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or (3) have had recent contact with a person who has received a positive coronavirus test. Reports should be made at screening.utep.edu. If you know anyone who should report any of these three criteria, encourage them to report. If the individual cannot report, you can report on their behalf by sending an email to COVIDaction@utep.edu.

For each day that you attend campus—for any reason—you must complete the questions on the UTEP screening website (screening.utep.edu) prior to arriving on campus. The website will verify if you are permitted to come to campus. Under no circumstances should anyone come to campus when feeling ill or exhibiting any of the known COVID-19 symptoms. Students are advised to minimize the number of encounters with others to avoid infection.

Wear face coverings when in common areas of campus or when others are present. You must wear a face covering over your nose and mouth at all times in on campus. If you choose not to wear a face covering on campus, you will be asked to put it on or leave. Students who refuse to wear a face covering and follow preventive COVID-19 guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action according to Section 1.2.3 Health and Safety and Section 1.2.2.5 Disruptions in the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures.

STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 ACCOMMODATIONS

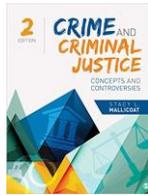
Students are not permitted on campus when they have a positive COVID-19 test, exposure or symptoms. Students who are considered high risk according to CDC guidelines and/or those who live with individuals who are considered high risk may contact Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at cass@utep.edu to discuss temporary accommodations for on-campus courses and activities.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course examines the sources of social control and policy associated with crime and delinquency. The course discusses the nature of criminal law and crime, and the structure of the criminal justice system, particularly law enforcement, courts and sentencing, and institutional and community corrections. The course is designed to help students understand the significance and complexity of the American criminal justice system.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Mallicoat, Stacy L. 2019. *Crime and Criminal Justice: Concepts and Controversies*, 2nd ed.
Sage: Thousand Oaks, CA.



ISBN-13: 978-1544338972; ISBN-10: 154433897X

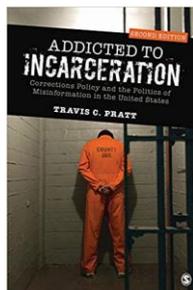
COURSE STRUCTURE AND GRADING

Attendance: a live class lecture will be held on scheduled Wednesdays, from 10:30 AM to 11:50 AM. The lecture is accessible through Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. The lecture link on the course Blackboard homepage is **Live Virtual Lecture**. Students are expected to participate in these sessions with a webcam and microphone, **and the screen must remain turned on**. The sessions will be recorded so they can be reviewed by classmates at a later time. Students should not record the sessions and post them to any sites outside of Blackboard. Students should allocate sufficient time to familiarize themselves with Collaborate in Blackboard. A student should contact the professor ahead of time if any login or technical issues are experienced.

A maximum of one unexcused absence is permitted. Excused absences require proper medical or official university documentation, and are provided at the discretion of the professor. A one percent grade deduction will be made for each absence beyond the two allowed absences. Attendance is worth 10 percent of the overall course grade.

Book Paper: Students will be required to write a paper on a book that has drawn considerable attention among students, academics, and policy makers in criminology/criminal justice. Approximately half of the paper should be devoted to a synthesis of the book, whereas the other half of the paper should be devoted to a critical analysis of the book. In-depth instructions will be posted in the *Book Paper* folder on Blackboard. The following book has been assigned:

Pratt, Travis C. 2018. *Addicted to Incarceration: Corrections Policy and the Politics of Misinformation in the United States*, second edition. Sage: Thousand Oaks, CA.



ISBN: 1544308051, 978-1544308050 (book is available for purchase online)

With respect to mechanics, papers should be double-spaced, use Times New Roman twelve-inch font with one-inch margins, be **four** pages in length (not including the title and reference pages), and use APA, MLA, or Chicago format. Please contact Professor Cano if you have questions on any steps of the paper. **To receive credit, the assignment should be submitted electronically on the Blackboard assignment link by the due date.** It is strongly recommended that preparation for the assignment begin early in the semester. The book paper is due on **April 14th** and is worth 30 percent of the course grade. Late papers will only be accepted up to one day after their due date and will receive a 10 percent grade deduction.

Exams: there will be three non-comprehensive exams administered on Blackboard (see course schedule below). Exams consist of multiple choice questions. Exams cover all assigned readings from the textbook. The professor will post exam review in Blackboard two days before the exam. No makeup exams are offered unless the student can provide documentation for a medical emergency or a university-sponsored activity. With the exception of documented medical emergencies, arrangements for a makeup exam must be made at least 24 hours before the regularly scheduled exam. Makeup exams may be administered in a different format from the original exam. Makeup exams are given at the discretion of the professor. **There are no live lectures during exam weeks.**

Exams will open at 8:00 am and close at 11:59 pm on the assigned dates (Wednesday to Friday). Students will have one hour and 20 minutes to complete the exam once opened. Exams may only be taken once. Please see the course schedule for exam dates. **Please notify the professor and UTEP technical support services if you experience technical issues during the exam, including obtaining a case number from technical services.** Each exam is worth 20 percent of the course grade. Thus, exams comprise 60 percent of the overall course grade.

Important Notes: the class works best when students are present and engaged. Do not be afraid to talk or to share ideas—you are just as likely (if not more likely) to gain insights and learn from each other as you are from me. The professor does not share lecture notes, or discuss missed lectures through email. Arrangements for obtaining missed class notes should be made with classmates. Please make sure that you have immediate access to the personal email linked to your Blackboard account, as all course emails and notifications will be sent through Blackboard. Professor Cano reserves the right to make any changes to the course requirements and deadlines.

Point Values and Percentages for Course Requirements:

Attendance	10 points	10 percent
Book Paper	30 points	30 percent
Exam 1	20 points	20 percent
Exam 2	20 points	20 percent
Exam 3	<u>20 points</u>	<u>20 percent</u>
	100 points	100 percent

Points and Grade Distribution:

A = 89.5 or more points B = 79.5 to 89.4 points C = 69.5 to 79 points
D = 59.5 to 69.4 points F = 59.4 or less points

A grade of C or higher (69.5 points or more) is required to pass the course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND HONESTY

The University of Texas at El Paso has a system of Academic Integrity and Scholastic Integrity based on personal integrity of all scholastic work undertaken at the University. Academic dishonesty comprises, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or submitting work for credit that is fully or partially completed by someone else. In addition to other guidelines of academic integrity, submitting work (e.g., annotated bibliography or book paper) that is identical or relatively similar to work submitted in a different course is considered plagiarism. At a minimum, students who engage in academic misconduct will receive a failing grade on the assignment or in the course. Please become familiar with the University policy on academic integrity and honesty outlined in Student Conduct and Discipline, Section II, Chapter I of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures in the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. Information can be found on the website of the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution: <http://sa.utep.edu/osccr/student-conduct/>.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

All student activities in the University, including this course, are governed by the provisions of the policy on Student Conduct and Discipline, Section II, Chapter I of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures.

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EMAIL POLICY

The professor will answer emails in a timely manner. As most of you are currently or will be professionals (criminal justice or otherwise), a certain amount of professionalism is expected in your communications. As such, all emails will be expected to contain proper grammar. They must be formatted in a professional manner as well (salutation and closing, etc.). If your emails are not well-articulated and professional, there is a high likelihood that there will be no response. In particular, this means no “text speak” or “Internet lingo,” use of all caps, and no swearing. **The email should indicate the course in which you are enrolled.**

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Professor Cano is committed to assisting students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email at cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1 01/20	Virtual live lecture Chapter 1: Crime and Criminal Justice
Week 2 01/27	Virtual live lecture Chapter 2: Concepts of Law and Justice
Week 3 02/03	Virtual live lecture Chapter 3: Defining and Measuring Crime
Week 4 02/10	Virtual live lecture Chapter 4: Explanations of Criminal Behavior
Week 5 02/17	Virtual live lecture Chapter 5: Victims and the Criminal Justice System
Week 6 02/24 to 02/26	Exam 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
Week 7 03/03	Virtual live lecture Chapter 6: Criminal Justice Policy
Week 8 03/10	Virtual live lecture Chapter 7: Policing Organizations and Practices
Week 9 03/24	Virtual live lecture Chapter 8: Issues in Policing
Week 10 04/07	Virtual live lecture Chapter 9: Courts and Crime
Week 11 04/14	Virtual live lecture Chapter 10: Punishment and Sentencing Book Paper Due
Week 12 04/21 to 04/23	Exam 2 (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)
Week 13 04/28	Virtual live lecture Chapter 11: Prisons and Jails Chapter 12: Community Corrections

Week 14 **Virtual live lecture**
05/05 Chapter 13: Juvenile Justice
 Chapter 14: Transnational Criminal Justice

05/12-05/14 **Exam 3 (Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14)**