

**CRIJ 4315- Homicide
Spring 2021 (CRN# 25099)**

DETAILS OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

I. Discussion Participation: This semester you will have 10 discussion questions that require your response. Your response to the discussion question should be scholarly and thorough. In your response, you must demonstrate your understanding of Textbook readings and the application of the covered materials. Initial posts are due by Tuesday, responses to peers are due by Friday at midnight. Original posts entered after Tuesday will not be accepted. See Late work policy.

You are required to respond to two students/peers that provokes thought. You must respond with more than “Good job,” or “I agree.” Your response to your peers during discussion posts should provide your understanding or an alternative to their opinion and the application of concepts.

Netiquette: You must maintain an academic attitude and uphold UTEP policies. Being disrespectful, using profanity or unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated. All your online communications must be composed with fairness, honesty, and tact.

II. Written Assessments- In weeks 7 and 14 you will have a writing assignment due. The assignment will require you use to analyze and apply concepts we have covered in this class. In this assignment, I expect to see that you can apply material. Refer to Blackboard for more information regarding your writing assignments.

III. EXAMS: You have 3 exams in this class. Each exam is worth 50 points each (**SEE schedule for exam dates**). **The exact format of exams is to be determined.** However, the exams will likely be structured with some combination of Multiple choice, True/False, and/or Essay questions. **Missed Exams CANNOT be made up.**

IV. Serial Killer Presentation- In week 11 create a Powerpoint presentation describing a serial killer of your choice. The PowerPoint will need to be submitted in Blackboard. See Blackboard for more details.

Live lectures are always fun, you do not want to miss out. Previous students have said that these have helped them. We will be discussing the weeks topic. I will also review assignments due.

Supplemental Lecture- Blackboard Collaborate live lecture: I will conduct live lectures weekly to provide a lecture and discussion of the required readings. During these lectures I provide detailed information about cases, theoretical application, discussion of cases in our area and review of upcoming assignments. Although these are optional, you are encouraged to attend the live lectures. **Live Lectures will be Tuesday at 12pm (noon) to 1pm.**

VI. Late Work: **Late assignments/discussions/exams will not be accepted.** Due dates are posted. Plan accordingly. You can submit all assignments early.

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V. Instructor's Policies

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Disability:

Students with a disability that affects their academic performance are expected to arrange a meeting with the instructor so that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. Students with disabilities are required to notify the Center for Accommodations and Support Services for accommodations, cass@utep.edu; 915-747-5148; Union East Rm 106.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic dishonesty includes cheating on an exam, turning in someone else's assignment from a previous class, or plagiarism: "(1) use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without fully and properly crediting the author with citations or biographical reference; (2) unacknowledged use of work/materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials; (3) unacknowledged use of original work/material that has been produced through collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators."

I take cases of alleged academic dishonesty seriously. For students who are found to have allegedly engaged in any form of academic dishonesty, the case will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR). While the case is being investigated by OSCCR, an "I" (Incomplete) will be assigned until the case is resolved. If the student is found by OSCCR to have engaged in misconduct, sanctions may include a failing grade on the assignment or exam in question, a failing grade in the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University. See <http://www.utep.edu/dos>

UTEP Drop Policy

If unforeseen circumstances happen where a drop is necessary, *students* are responsible for initiating any course drop. It is the student's responsibility to determine how dropping courses may affect financial aid. **Students are limited to dropping no more than 6 courses over their entire academic career of all courses taken at any public college or University in Texas.** If a student withdraws completely from this class kindly notify Dr. Ordonez at saordonez@utep.edu.

CONTRACT

By reading this syllabus and remaining enrolled in the class, you are agreeing to the terms of the contract. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Ordonez (saordonez@utep.edu).

RECORDING OF CLASS & COPYRIGHT STATEMENT

The materials used in this course are copyrighted. This includes, but is not limited to, syllabi, exams, in class activities, review sheets, homework, solutions, class notes, supplemental materials. You do not have the right to copy or distribute these items unless I specifically grant you permission.

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<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TOPIC COVERAGE*</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT*</u>
Week 1 1/19 – 1/24	Introductions/Syllabus Welcome to Class	Introduction Discussion board due 1/24
Week 2 1/25 – 1/31	What you think you know and Who's killing Whom and how Much Read Ch. 1 & 2	Discussion Due by 1/26
Week 3 2/1 – 2/7	Murder by Numbers Read Ch. 3	Discussion Due by 2/2
Week 4 2/8 – 2/14	Theories of Homicide Read Ch. 4 and Furbee Article	Discussion Due by 2/9
Week 5 2/15 – 2/21	Confrontational Homicide Read Ch. 5	Exam 1 due in BB by 11:55pm 2/21/2021 Ch 1-4
Week 6 2/22 – 2/28	Intimate Partner Homicide Read Ch. 6	Discussion Due by 2/23
Week 7 3/1 – 3/7	All in the Family Read Ch. 7	Written assessment due 3/7/2021 by 11:55pm
Week 8 3/8 – 3/14	School Killings Read Ch. 8, Langman Article and Phillips Article	Discussion Due by 3/9
Spring Break - Enjoy your break - Be Safe!!		
Week 9 3/22 – 3/28	Mass Killings Read Ch. 9, Read Fox & Levin Article	Discussion Due by 3/23
Week 10 3/29 – 4/4	Serial Killing Read Ch. 11, Castle & Hensley and Simons Articles	Discussion Due by 3/30 Exam 2 due in Bb by 11:55pm 4/4/2021 Ch 5-9
Week 11 4/5 – 4/11	Cults and Gangs Read Ch. 12	Serial Killer presentations due 4/11/2021 by 11:55pm
Week 12 4/12 – 4/18	Solving Homicides Read Ch. 13, Moffatt & Hersey Article	Discussion Due by 4/13
Week 13 4/19 – 4/25	Murder in Court/Future of Homicide Read Ch. 14 & 15	Discussion Due by 4/20
Week 14 4/26 – 5/2	Homicide in Review	Written assessment due Sunday by 11:55pm 5/2/2021
Week 15 5/3 - 5/6	Final Exam will open on 5/3/2021. Covers Ch 11-15. Due in BB by 11:55pm on 5/9/2021	

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