



Course Syllabus Spring 2026

CRJU-1113 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Location: Martin 108

**This Course is supplemented via D2L,
thus some classes and assignments will be conducted in an online format.**

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Class Description:

(Catalog) Credit 3 semester hours. Studies the history, development, and philosophy of the criminal justice system. Introduces the agencies, theories and models involved in the administration of criminal justice.

Course Objective:

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Explain how criminal justice is a social science;
- Discuss the legal, social, and behavior perspectives of crime;
- Describe the process of ethical decision making in the criminal justice system;
- Evaluate the importance of studying crime typologies;
- Identify the five theoretical frameworks that criminological theories use to explain crime;
- Compare and contrast the goals of punishment;
- Identify how technology has influenced criminal justice and crime.

The above objectives are to be achieved through a process involving readings, lectures, class discussions and independent research.

Course Format:

The course will be taught using multiple instructional methods. These methods will include lectures, group discussions, and oral presentations with an associated critical discussion. Typically, course topics will be introduced via lecture format incorporating interpretive discussions. Literature discussions may utilize small group discussions followed by classroom presentations and discussions. If you would like to chat live on the phone with me, you can do so during my office hours by using Zoom. You can download Zoom at <https://msutexas-edu.zoom.us/>. Note: Meetings, official university business, and other situations may necessitate a change in or cancellation of office hours. I will e-mail you through the school account. Therefore, it's your responsibility to check your school account and log in to the class regularly.

Course Requirements:

1) **Examinations:** There will be 3 exams, which will be composed of 50 multiple-choice and/or true/false questions. Each exam will be conducted online. Each student has to take and finish within the timeline requirement. **Due to the flexibility regarding the time to take the exams, make up exams will not be allowed.** Mid-term grades will be posted on-line for students to view via Arrow. Mid-term grades indicate a student's status at mid-semester only and do not indicate the final performance.

2) **Assignment:** Each week a number of questions will be posted by the instructor. Each student has to answer the questions and turn in by using the D2L by mid-night of each assignment due date. A student who posts after the deadline will not receive any credit for his or her assignment. The due dates are presented in the tentative course schedule.

3) **News Report:** Students will be required to submit a news report during the semester. Further details instructions for the Writing Assignments will be given in class and posted on D2L. Writing Assignments must be turned in to the appropriate Drop Box in D2L.

Course Grade:

Item	Points
Assignment	140 points
News Report	25 points
Exam I (Chapter 1-5)	100 points
Exam II (Chapter 6-10)	100 points
Exam III (Chapter 11-14)	100 points
Total	465 points

Grading:

Grades are figured as follows:

Grade	Percent
A	90% - 100%
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	0% - 59%

Academic Dishonesty:

All students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty. Cheating, plagiarism, and unethical practices will be handled according to university policy.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into D2L through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member. In those classes where attendance is considered as part of the grade, the instructor should so inform students

of the specifics in writing at the beginning of the semester in a syllabus or separate attendance policy statement. An instructor who has an attendance policy must keep records on a daily basis. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor. Any individual faculty member or college has the authority to establish an attendance policy, providing the policy is in accordance with the General University Policies.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings. Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!! There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into D2L.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with

disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [disability support services website](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University Graduate Catalog

Student Services:

Students who need special services should contact the instructor directly or visit [student support services website](#).

Class policies and Procedures:

Other class policies and procedures follow the [MWSU Student Policy Manual & Organizational Handbook](#).

Tentative Course Schedule due date:

Month	Date	Format	Assignment-Topic
January	20	In Class	Introduction to Course
	22	In Class	Chapter 1 American CJ System
	27	In Class	Chapter 1 American CJ System
	29	D2L	Chapter 1 Assignment
February	3	In Class	Chapter 2: Measuring Crime, Crim-Theories
	5	D2L	Chapter 2 Assignment
	10	In Class	Chapter 3: Criminal Law
	12	D2L	Chapter 3 Assignment
	17	In Class	Chapter 4: Police History & Organization
	19	D2L	Chapter 4 Assignment
	24	In Class	Chapter 5: Police and the Law
	26	D2L	Chapter 5 Assignment
March	1	D2L	Exam I (Chapter 1-5)
	3	In Class	Chapter 6: Critical Issues in Policing
	5	D2L	Chapter 6 Assignment
	17	In Class	Chapter 7: Criminal Courts: Structure & Process
	19	D2L	Chapter 7 Assignment
	24	In Class	Chapter 8: The Trial
	26	D2L	Chapter 8 Assignment
	31	In Class	Chapter 9: Sentencing
April	2	D2L	Chapter 9 Assignment
	7	In Class	Chapter 10: Correction History and Structure
	9	D2L	Chapter 10 Assignment
	12	D2L	Exam II (Chapter 6-10)
	14	In Class	Chapter 11: Prison
	16	D2L	Chapter 11 Assignment
	21	In Class	Chapter 12: Corrections in the Community
	23	D2L	Chapter 12 Assignment
	28	In Class	Chapter 13: Juvenile Justice System
May	30	D2L	Chapter 13 Assignment
	5	In Class	Chapter 14: Terrorism and Cybercrime
	7	D2L	Chapter 14 Assignment
	10	D2L	Exam III (Chapter 11-14)

The instructor reserves the right to adjust and change the syllabus and course schedule as needed.