



**Course Syllabus Spring
2025
CRJU-3743-X20 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
Location: Online**

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Class Description:

(Catalog) Credit 3 semester hours. Examines the juvenile justice system and the handling of juvenile delinquents in the United States. Specific attention is devoted to the history of the juvenile justice system and current police, court, and correctional policies and practices pertaining to juvenile offenders.

Course Objective:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the various roles of police, juvenile court, juvenile probation, and juvenile corrections in the juvenile justice system;
- Critically analyze the procedural aspects of the juvenile justice system;
- Demonstrate an understanding of juvenile rights and juvenile law; and

- Examine far-reaching changes (such as over representation of minorities in the juvenile justice system, waivers to adult court, death penalty, etc.) that have occurred within the juvenile system in the last twenty years.

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

Course Format:

The class is 100% online; there are no class meetings. All homework, assignments and examinations are to be completed online no later than the final due dates for each assignment stated in course schedule. If you have questions regarding the reading material, quizzes, and exams, you have to post your question each week in the D2L forum. If you would like to chat on the phone with me live, 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) Introduction: Due the internet course format, the personal introduction is intended help students to get acquainted with each other. The introduction should include information that the student is willing to share about him or herself, for example, hometown, major, classification, your goal or objective of life. Photo is encouraged to be included in the profile. If you have any problem or question, you should contact the computing center. Each of you has a responsibility to post and welcome each other to this online class.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) Quizzes: In each chapter, the student has to log in to take quizzes by the due date. These quizzes are timed; therefore, please make sure that you are ready before you log in. You can view quizzes only when you are taking them. Therefore, if you have any

question regarding the quizzes you have to take a note and post that question in each chapter forum. I will answer the question after everybody takes the quiz in each chapter.

Course Grade:

Topic	Point
Profile/Introduction	10 points
Assignment	70 points
Quizzes	70 points
Exam I (Chapter 1-5)	100 points
Exam II (Chapter 6-10)	100 points
Exam III (Chapter 11-14)	100 points
Total	450 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 Undergraduate 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 [MWSU Student Policy Manual & Organizational Handbook](#).

Tentative Course Schedule due date:

Month	Due Date	Topic
January	21	Class Starts/ Introduction
	26	Chapter 1: Juvenile Justice in Historical Perspective
February	2	Chapter 2: Defining and Measuring Offenses By and Against Juvenile
	9	Chapter 3: Characteristics of Juvenile Court Acts
	16	Chapter 4: Theories of Causation
	23	Chapter 5: Purpose and Scope of Juvenile Court Acts
March	2	Exam I (Chapter 1 - 5)
		Chapter 6: Juvenile Justice Procedures
	9	Chapter 7: Juveniles and the Police
	23	Chapter 8: Key Figures in Juvenile Court Proceedings
	30	Chapter 9: Prevention and Diversion Programs
April	6	Chapter 10: Dispositional Alternatives
	13	Exam II (Chapter 6 - 10)
		Chapter 11: Child Abuse and Neglect
	27	Chapter 12: Violent Juveniles and Gangs
May	4	Chapter 13: Juvenile Justice around the World
	11	Chapter 14: The Future of Juvenile Justice
		Exam III (Chapter 11- 14)

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