

Judicial Systems & Practices

CRJU 2933

Syllabus and Course Schedule

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Course Material: No book is necessary for this class.

Course Description: This course will introduce you to the judicial process and courts system in the United States. Emphasis will be placed on the judicial system within the context of the criminal justice system. We will study the organization of the legal system, the actors of the legal system, and the procedure of the legal system.

Course Objectives: While entertaining, the portrayal of the criminal justice system on television is not accurate. The objective of this course is to provide an accurate picture of America's Courts and how the criminal justice system works within the structure of the court system, from start to finish.

Decorum: You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional and respectful manner. You are a representative of this class and Midwestern State University and should act accordingly.

Integrity: Honesty and integrity are of the utmost importance in the professional world. These attributes will also be a pillar of this class. As you work towards your career in the criminal justice system, you must understand that your livelihood, and people's freedom, depend on your integrity. A reputation takes a lifetime to achieve, and seconds to destroy.

Each student is expected to abide by the rules of ethical and academic honesty as contained in the Midwestern State University Student Handbook. All cases of academic dishonesty, cheating or other unethical behavior will result in an automatic “F” for the course and a letter to be directed to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action.

Grading Policy: The following factors will be considered when calculating a student’s grade.

Exams (essays)---three essays of equal weight (33.33% each) shall constitute the course grade.

Grading Scale: The following grading scale will be utilized:

100-90	= A
89-80	= B
79-70	= C
69-60	= D
59 and below	= F