

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to criminal justice system - 61103

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: criminology

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course provides an overview of the societal responses to crime and criminal offenders. A broad overview of law enforcement, criminal courts, and the correctional system will be provided. Current issues and policies will be situated in their historical, sociopolitical, and legal contexts. In addition to the three major institutions of crime control, several cross-cutting themes and controversies which have special relevance to criminal justice will be considered over the course of the semester. These themes encompass the dualistic tensions faced at various times by criminal justice stakeholders and the public: public safety vs. civil liberties, independence vs. interdependence, discretion vs. determinacy, intuition vs. empiricism, and fairness vs. effectiveness, to name just a few.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Basic understanding of the criminal justice system and the unique performance of the agencies and core relevant issues

Attendance requirements(%):

Lecture Attendance is mandatory

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Class lectures

Course/Module Content:

*Introduction to the System of Criminal Justice
Definition and Measurement of Crime
Criminological Study of Victims and Offenders
History and Organization of Israeli Law Enforcement
Roles, Styles, and Functions of Law Enforcement
Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement
Trial Process
Criminal Sentencing
Institutional and Community Corrections and Parole
Juvenile Justice System
Disparity in Criminal Sentencing & policing
Explaining Crime Statistics and Crime Decline*

*Prison Reentry
Crime & Terrorism*

Required Reading:

George F. Cole, Christopher E. Smith, and Christine DeJong. (2014). Criminal Justice in America (7th edition). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth-Cengage.

Additional Reading Material:

The syllabus will include detailed list of recommended reading list

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: