



CRIMINAL JUSTICE I

Course Syllabus

Chester County High School
Course Title: Criminal Justice I
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TEXT: Criminal Justice in Action 4th Edition

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Criminal Justice I is the first course in Criminal Justice and Correction Services program of study. It serves as a comprehensive survey of how the law enforcement, legal, and correctional systems interact with each other in the United States. Upon completion of this course, proficient students will understand the context of local, state, and federal laws, the concepts of crime control and the judicial process, and the importance of communications and professionalism in law enforcement.

COURSE GOALS

- Explain the three major concepts of the criminal justice system in the United States: Law Enforcement, Judicial System & Corrections.
- Understand the workings of the justice system in America
- Acquire and understand basic law enforcement techniques
- Improve basic reading, writing and interpersonal communication skills
- Develop critical thinking, logical reasoning and problem solving skills
- Learn and understand basic report writing techniques
- Exposure to careers in the criminal justice system through presentations by criminal justice professionals
- Take class trips to the County Jail and local law enforcement locations
- Identify trends and current law enforcement issues through television media, social media and print media.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- #1 – Follow the student handbook.
- #2 – Always be prepared and on time.
- #3 – Always be respectful.

GRADING POLICY

Each Assignment will be assigned a specific number of points and the student's final grade in the class will be based on the accumulation of points during each quarter / semester. The grading scale will be;

100%-93% -A
92% - 85% - B
84%-75% -C
74% - 70% - D
69% and below – F

Grades will be posted when all students have completed the assignment.

ASSIGNMENTS AND CREDIT

Class Assignments:

Most assigned work will be completed in class. All assignments will be completed neatly and will be typed or hand written as directed. Sloppy work is not tolerated by law enforcement supervisors and will not be in class. Assignments will be completed on lined binder paper in pencil or pen. All creative projects, term papers and special topic reports will be typed, single spaced with a title page, narrative and reference page.

If a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to receive any work he/she may have missed. It is a good policy for students to have the phone number and e mail address of a responsible classmate that can keep them up to date on assignments they may have missed. Parents may also make homework requests through email. There will be no exceptions regarding assignments for those students involved in sports and extra-curricular activities. All assignments shall be turned in on the date they are due or prior. If you are unable to attend class due to a sporting or extracurricular activity, the required assignment will be turned in prior to the activity.

Extra Credit:

Rewards will be given to those students who demonstrate an extra effort in class. Extra credit is not offered arbitrarily and is not a make up for poor performance. Extra credit may mean the difference between a C to a B. Extra Credit assignments will be worth 5 points and will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor. There is a maximum of one extra credit assignment per semester.

Quizzes and Tests:

Tests and quizzes will consist of multiple choices, true and false and short answer questions. These grading instruments will be administered at the end of each week and will measure the student's ability to recollect and recall the important issues of each module. Quizzes shall be administered at my discretion and might come without prior knowledge or warning.

Tests and quizzes will generally be announced and reviewed before their administration.

Failed quizzes and tests may be made up as soon as possible, or within one week of the student returning to class for a maximum of 70% passing grade.

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

1. Blue or black ink pen.
2. 3-ring binder to keep returned work and notebook paper.
3. College Ruled Paper
4. 1 inch Binder for Career Portfolio & (2) Dividers