

Instructor Information	
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Course Information	
Description	This course provides a historical and philosophical overview of the American criminal justice system, including the nature, extent, and impact of crime; criminal law; and justice agencies and processes.
Required Textbooks	<i>Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending Lamar State College Port Arthur is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.</i> Criminal Justice in Action 10e Larry K. Gaines and Roger Leroy Miller Cengage, 2019 <i>Textbook provided by Wilson Early College High School</i>
Additional Materials/Resources	None.
Corequisites/Prerequisites	TSIA complete in reading.
Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, students will: • Describe the American judicial systems (civil, criminal, and juvenile), their jurisdiction, development and structure. • Analyze the function and dynamics of the courtroom work group. • Identify judicial processes from pretrial to appeal. • Describe the significant Constitutional Amendments, doctrines, and other sources of law in the American judicial system.
Core Objectives	Communication Skills: Students will demonstrate effective, written, oral and visual communication. Critical Thinking Skills: Students will engage in creative and/or innovative thinking, and/or inquiry, analysis, evaluation, synthesis of information, organizing concepts and constructing solutions. Teamwork: Students will demonstrate the ability to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal and consider different points of view. Personal Responsibility: Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.
Lecture Topics Outline	This class is comprised of 4 parts which are listed below. In each section, you will have lectures, required readings, and supplemental videos. Part 1: Criminal Justice System Chapter 1- Criminal Justice Today Chapter 2- Cause of Crime Chapter 3- The Crime Picture: Offenders and Victims Chapter 4- Inside Criminal Law Part 2: The Police and Law Enforcement Chapter 5- Law Enforcement Today Chapter 6- Problems and Solutions in Modern Policing Chapter 7- Police and the Constitution: The Rules of Law Enforcement Part 3: Criminal Courts Chapter 8- Courts and the Quest for Justice Chapter 9- Pretrial Procedures: The Adversary System in Action Chapter 10- The Criminal Trial Chapter 11- Punishment and Sentencing

Part 4: Corrections

Chapter 12- Probation, Parole and Intermediate Sanctions

Chapter 13- Prisons and Jails

Chapter 14- The Prison Experience and Prisoner Reentry

**Major Assignments
Schedule**

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this date) All Assignments must be submitted before 10 p.m.
1/19 - 1/25	Introduction/Welcome Week	1/22: Syllabus Review 1/24: Blackboard Assignment submission Review	1/22: Syllabus Bingo 1/24 Introduction Assignment 1/25 Syllabus Quiz
1/26 - 2/1	Part I: Criminal Justice Today	1/27: Chapter 1- Criminal Justice Today	2/1: Chapter 1 Assignment
2/2 - 2/8 (No Class on Monday, 2/3)		2/5: Chapter 2- Cause of Crime 2/7: Chapter 3- The Crime Picture: Offenders and Victims	2/8: Chapter 2 & 3 Assignment
2/9 - 2/15		2/10: Chapter 4- Inside Criminal Law	2/14: Groups for final projects will be assigned & topics selected 2/15: Chapter 4 Assignment Part I Test: Chapters 1- 4
2/16 - 2/22			2/22:

<i>(No Class on Monday, 2/17)</i>	Part II: The Police and Law Enforcement	2/19: Chapter 5- Law Enforcement Today	Chapter 5 Assignment
2/23 - 3/1		2/24: Chapter 6- Problems and Solutions in Modern Policing 2/28: WORK IN GROUPS	3/1 Chapter 6 Assignment
3/2 - 3/8		3/3: Chapter 7-Police and the Constitution: The Rules of Law Enforcement	3/8: Chapter 7 Assignment Part II Test: Chapters 5-7
3/9 - 3/15	SPRING BREAK	NO READINGS	NO ASSIGNMENTS
3/16 - 3/22 <i>(No Class on Monday, 3/17)</i>	Part III: Criminal Courts	3/19: Chapter 8- Courts and the Quest for Justice	3/22: Chapter 8 Assignment
3/23 - 3/29		3/24: Chapter 9- Pretrial Procedures: The Adversary System in Action	3/29: Chapter 9 Assignment
3/30 - 4/5		3/31: Chapter 10- The Criminal Trial 4/4: WORK IN GROUPS	4/5: Chapter 10 Assignment
4/6 - 4/12		4/7: Chapter 11- Punishment and Sentencing	4/12: Chapter 11 Assignment Part III Test: Chapters 8-11
4/13 - 4/19 <i>(Monday, 4/14:</i>	Part IV: Corrections	4/14: Chapter 12- Probation, Parole, and Intermediate Sanctions	4/19:

<i>Happy Birthday Ms. Stelly)</i>			Chapter 12 Assignment
4/20- 4/26 <i>(No class Monday, April 21st)</i>		4/23: Chapter 13- Prisons and Jails	4/26: Chapter 13 Assignment
4/27 - 5/3		4/23: Chapter 14- The Prison Experience and Prisoner Reentry 5/2: Work in Groups	5/3 Chapter 14 Assignment Part IV Test: Chapters 12-14
5/4 - 5/10	FINAL PRESENTATIONS	5/5: Work in Groups	5/5: FINAL PAPERS DUE before 10 p.m. 5/7: Groups 1-3 presentations 5/9: Groups 4-6 presentations
5/11 - 5/17 <i>(Last Class Day is Wednesday, May 14th)</i>	FINAL PRESENTATIONS		5/12: Groups 7-9 presentations 5/14: FINAL GRADES WILL BE SUBMITTED (LAST CLASS DAY)

Final Exam Date December 7, 2025 - 8:0 AM Through December 12, 2025 - 9:0 AM

Grading Scale 90 - 100=A 80 - 89=B 70 - 79=C 60 - 69=D Below 59 = F

**Determination of
Final Grade** Class Participation/Discussion- 15%
Assignments- 40%
Tests - 20%
Final Project-25%

Course Policies

Instructor Policies

I do **NOT** accept late work. All assignments are due as scheduled. There are few exceptions but those will only be discussed on a case by case basis. (Medical emergencies/hospitalizations)

Plagiarism is not tolerated at LSCPA. Therefore, plagiarism is not tolerated in this class. If plagiarism is discovered, all previously graded work is subject to regrading.

You must email this instructor from your LSCPA email account. I will not respond to personal email accounts.

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is important in your quest for success. Although this is a face to face class, you are required to utilize blackboard to submit most of your work. Logging into Blackboard at least 2 times weekly is part of your overall attendance and participation grade.

"Preparation is key to success." - Alexander Graham Bell

"Success is the sum of small efforts being repeated day in and day out." - Robert Collier

If you want to be successful in this course you must utilize your syllabus, read your textbook, take notes,

watch the videos, complete and submit your work on time. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask. Here's to a successful semester in CRIJ 1301!

Additional Information

TIMELY CARE

TimelyCare is a virtual health and well-being platform available 24/7 for Lamar State College Port Arthur students. Any enrolled student can use TimelyCare. There is no cost to students. Go to timelycare.com/LSCPA or download the TimelyCare app to access care.

Institutional Policies

MyLSCPA

Be sure to check your campus email and Course Homepage using MyLSCPA campus web portal. You can also access your grades, transcripts, academic advisors, degree progress, and other services through [MyLSCPA](#).

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is expected from all students, and dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Please consult the LSCPA policies (Academic Dishonesty section in the Student Handbook) for consequences of academic dishonesty.

ADA Considerations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the [Disability Services Coordinator](#), Room 117, in the Student Success Center. The phone number is (409) 984-6241.

COVID 19 Information

The Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) Student Code of Conduct COVID 19 Policy requires students who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 to report their condition directly to their local health department. Students should also contact their course faculty to report their quarantine status. In addition, this policy requires all students to wear face coverings when directly exposed to COVID 19 in compliance with the criteria included in the policy. For more information please refer to the COVID 19 link on the LSCPA website.

Facility Policies

No food or tobacco products are allowed in the classroom. Only students enrolled in the course are allowed in the classroom, except by special instructor permission. Use of electronic devices is prohibited.

HB 2504

This syllabus is part of LSCPA's efforts to comply with Texas House Bill 2504.

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect

As per Texas law and LSCPA policy, all LSCPA employees, including faculty, are required to report allegations or disclosures of child abuse or neglect to the designated authorities, which may include a local or state law enforcement agency or the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. For more information about mandatory reporting requirements, see [LSCPA's Policy and Procedure Manual](#).

Title IX and Sexual Misconduct

LSCPA is committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct. All LSCPA employees, including faculty, have the responsibility to report disclosures of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault (including rape and acquaintance rape), domestic violence, dating violence, relationship violence, or stalking, to LSCPA's Title IX Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate the college's response to sexual misconduct. For more information about Title IX protections, faculty reporting responsibilities, options for confidential reporting, and the resources available for support visit [LSCPA's Title IX website](#).

Clery Act Crime Reporting

For more information about the Clery Act and crime reporting, see the [Annual Security & Fire Safety Report](#) and the [Campus Security website](#).

Grievance / Complaint / Concern

If you have a grievance, complaint, or concern about this course that has not been resolved through discussion with the Instructor, please consult the Department Chair.

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