

Crime and Public Policy
PA 446
5:00-6:15
McClelland 125
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Required Text – Crime Control in America John L. Worrall

Readings - Can be accessed via Library Electronic Reserves. Course is PA 446. Password is crime (all lower case). An Adobe Acrobat Reader is necessary.

This course is about what government can do about crime and criminal justice as well as what government cannot do. The course is divided into three major parts, 1. Crime, its nature and aims, 2. Some topical issues in criminal justice, 3. How those topical issues relate to the policy process and the prevention of crime.

The course is designed around a group of readings on selected issues in public policy about crime. As the class will emphasize discussion, it is essential that the readings be done prior to the day of class.

The grading involves a midterm, a research paper, two quizzes and a final exam. The midterm, consisting of short answers and essay questions, will count 30% of the course grade. The final will have the same format and will count 30% of the course grade and will be December

The research paper is a "position paper." It has two parts. The first involves a description of the current state of affairs, in law and policy, of a specific public policy issue in criminal justice. The second part consists of a position concerning this policy. It should be written as if you are a policy analyst giving advice to a client. The topic you write should be selected with my approval, but the position you take is up to you. Both parts of the paper will be graded on the quality of the research, the strength of the argument and quality of the writing. The paper--15 pages long-- is due on November 18, and worth 30% of the course grade.

Attendance and participation are valued. To that end, there will be two unannounced quizzes, each worth 5%. You must be present the day of the quiz or you will receive a zero for that portion of your grade. Only pre-arranged excuses from class will be honored to make up a quiz.

NEW RULES: You will be excused from class if you talk, do the crossword puzzle, surf the web or come late to class.

DATES		TOPICS	READING
8/26	8/28	Course intro	Text, #1
9/2	9/4	CRIMINOLOGY	Bohm 2,3
9/9	9/11	NATURE/CRIME	Crime Conundrum

9/16	9/18	NATURE/CRIME	Text, #2
9/23	9/25	POLICY- #1	Wilson, "What if anything.." Gest," Politics Met Crime"
9/30	10/2	POLICING	Text, 3, 4, &5 Harcourt. "Policing Disorder"
10/7	10/9 midterm		
10/14	10/16	COURTS	Text, #6 and 8
10/21	10/23	CORRECTIONS	Text, #7 and 9
10/28	10/30	DRUGS	Research on Drugs and Crime
11/4	11/6	PREVENTION	Sherman et al, Preventing Crime, Text, #11, 12, and 13
11/11 Veterans Day	11/13	PREVENTION	Greenwood , Diverting Children, Text, #14
11/18 Paper Due	11/20	RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTATION	
11/25	11/27 (no class)	RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTATION	
12/2	12/4	JUVENILE JUSTICE	Greenwood, Juvenile Crime Text, #15
12/9		POLICY #2	Gest, Smarter Ways to Fight Crime, Text #16

Final Exam, Thursday December 18 , 5-7

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When evacuating the building or work area: Stay calm: do not rush or panic safely stop your work
If it is safe to do so, quickly gather your personal belongings: take **prescription medicines** and **keys** with you. If it is safe to do so, close office door and windows, DO NOT LOCK THEM Use the nearest safe stairs and proceed to the nearest exit. Look overhead for exit signs. Help others identify safe passage out of the building. Do not use the elevators. Persons with handicaps should remain in the nearest stairwell until an Emergency Responder comes to help. Proceed to the designated Emergency Assembly Location (EAL). You will receive status updates from designated personnel at the EAL as they become available. Stay together as a class outside in the EAL and await instruction