INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CRJ 1301

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Course Objective: This is the entry level foundation course for Criminal Justice; it is accompanied by three additional required lower division courses which make up 12-hour field of study group in Texas. All other Criminal Justice offerings enhance or build upon this foundation and will require your continuing knowledge of this content core. The purpose of Introduction is to provide an overview of American Criminal Justice. This is accomplished through meeting the following unit objectives comprising the content of the course.

- Familiarize the student with the nature of crime and criminal justice.
- Provide the student with a basic understanding of crime and victimization.
- Acquaint the student with the nature of substantive criminal law and procedural law.
- Give the student a basic familiarization with the police and law enforcement.
- Familiarize the student with the courts and adjudication.
- Cause the student to recognize the nature and history of juvenile justice.

Virtually all of the course content will be delivered through lecture- occasionally supplemented by video. No specific textbook is required. After the completion of each unit, announced examinations will be administered; some unannounced short quizzes may be given over limited specific topics. It is suggested that the student review noted before each class. In this course, you will be given am initial comprehensive pre-test-ungraded-which will be retaken at the conclusion for part of your grade. You will not be formally graded o attendance; missing many classes and lectures will prevent your succeeding in the course. One examination or quiz may be made up at the end of the semester. Be aware that your instructor as a former street-level law enforcement officer, may employ rough language and hold or articulate views and attitudes which may be foreign to you. You will be exposed to this in class. You should not remain in the course if such is not acceptable or if you do not have serious objections should to be taken directly to your instructor for clarification or resolution. As a rule, your instructor will be available to you around the hours of the class-specific information and office location will be given to your during the first week. Also when it is necessary, you are welcome to call him on his mobile telephone (325-277-1422). He is there to help you.

Your course grade will be determined by the following experience- generated realistic percentages:
A=85% or above; B=70-84%; C=60-69%; D=50-59% and below is failing. Good grades are relatively not difficult to earn by coming to class and investing some effort.