REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide an overview of the various components of the criminal justice systems as a process. In addition, this course will provide an in-depth examination of discretion exercised within the system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this course, each student will be able to:

   I.   To understand the various processes through the criminal justice system.
   II.  Develop an understanding of how the police function.
   III. Make student aware of the role of prosecuting and defense attorney’s.
   IV.  Furnish and understanding of the part bail plays in the criminal justice process.
   V.   Enable the students to understand the processes relating to the guilty plea.
   VI.  Develop an awareness of the functions of the criminal trial.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The professor expects that each student regularly and promptly attends class sessions. A student who is absent for a class session must be responsible for matter discussed in that particular session.

However, if the professor is informed in advance of an unavoidable absence, it will be alright. Also, it should be noted that without informing the professor of leaving a class before its beginning, his or her leaving during the class session will be considered as an absence.

No cellphones, pagers, tobacco products, and firearms are allowed in the classroom. A student may use a laptop or PDA in taking down notes.
Grading:

Announced examinations will be administered separately over each topic. Total points will accumulate and grades will be assigned as follows:

85% or above = A  
75-85% = B  
60-74% = C  
50-60% = D  
And below is failing.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook (http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/student_handbook_2003-2004.pdf).

Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in the failure of a course and dismissal from the University.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion – the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit, the abuse of resource materials, and misrepresentation of credentials or accomplishments as a member of the Government Department.

DISABLED STUDENT POLICY:

Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented.

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day: In accordance with ASU OP 10.19, I will allow students to observe a religious holiday. Click on the link to review the policy.

ACADEMIC HELP:

The Center for Academic Excellence, called the Writing Center is located at the 3rd Floor of Porter Henderson Library at Angelo State University Campus. Among other services, it offers writing assistance. The professor is also available for any guidance in the student’s completion of all course requirements.