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COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN

Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRIJ 1301.76

Ken Culver

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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Course Description:

Introduces history and philosophy of criminal justice and ethical considerations; defines crime, its nature, and impact; overviews the criminal justice system: law enforcement, court system, and corrections. Semester Hours: 3 (3 lec.)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

Class meets Tuesday 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Ken Culver
MCC E-mail: kculver@mclennan.edu
Office Phone Number: 254.299.6522
Office Location: ESEC 222
Office/Teacher Conference Hours: by appointment
Other Instruction Information: Advising by appointment only

Required Text & Materials:

Title: Criminal Justice in Action

Author: Gaines and Miller
Edition: 10th
Publisher: Cengage
ISBN: 9781337607094

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

The primary method of teaching and learning is through classroom lectures and class discussion. Students are expected to complete assigned readings and classroom discussions will cover topics from the readings. Students are required to complete a portfolio.

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Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

The student will develop competency in explaining, analyzing, and describing the Criminal Justice System, which is composed of the police, the prosecution, the courts and corrections.

Course Outline or Schedule:

Additions and deletions may be made to the following schedule as necessary. Students will be advised in class by the instructor of any changes to the schedule.

SCHEDULE	Chapter/Lecture
Week #1 Orientation	Chapter One
Week #2	Chapter Two
Week #3	Chapter Three
Week #4	Chapter Four
Week #5 Test Chapter 1,2,3,4	
Week #6	Chapter Five
Week #7	Chapter Six
Week #8	Chapter Seven
Week #9 Test Chapter 5,6,7,8	Chapter Eight
Week #10	Chapter Nine
Week #11	Chapter Ten
Week #12	Chapter Eleven
Week #13	
Week #14	Chapter Twelve
Week #15 TBA	
Week #16 Final Examination	

Course Grading Information:

Three objective style or short answer exams will be given during the semester. The average grade of the exams will count 75% of the student's final course grade.

1. Each exam will cover the material presented in class and the assigned readings.
2. Each exam will be given when the appropriate material has been covered in class.

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A student is required to take the exam on the day and time it is scheduled. Any make-up makes arrangements before the exam is given and/or the student has documentation of an emergency.

- a. The make-up examination will include objective type questions as well as essay questions. The type of make-up examination will be at the discretion of the instructor.
- b. Failure to take the make-up examination during the week before finals will result in the grade of O (zero) for the missed exam.
- c.

STUDENT PORTFOLIO:

Each student will be required to prepare a portfolio. **The portfolio grade will count 15% toward the student's final grade.** Instructions on preparing the portfolio will be given to the student at a later date.

PARTICIPATION:

It is very important that students attend each class meeting and regular participation in class discussions is encouraged. Students are expected to have read the assigned material and examination questions will come from both the lecture and/or the assigned readings. **The participation grade will be primarily attendance and will account for 10% of the student's final grade. Each absence will result in a 10 point reduction in the participation grade.**

Periodic pop quizzes may be given over the assigned readings. The pop quiz grades may be included in the participation grade.

ASSIGNMENT OF GRADES:

Average of 3 Exams 75%

Portfolio 15%

Completion of Portfolio is required to pass the course

Participation 10%

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The following grading guidelines will prevail for all exams and out of class assignments.

100 - 90 = A

89 - 80 = B

79 - 70 = C

69 - 60 = D

59 - 0 = F

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

A student is required to take the exam on the day and time it is scheduled. Any make-up exam/s will be given the week before finals. The only exception to this rule is if the student makes arrangements before the exam is given and/or the student has documentation of an emergency.

- a. The make-up examination will include objective type questions as well as essay questions. The type of make-up examination will be at the discretion of the instructor.
- b. Failure to take the make-up examination during the week before finals will result in the grade of O (zero) for the missed exam. Students taking an exam late will have 10 points deducted from their exam score.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

It is the student's responsibility to read the General Conduct Responsibility Policy in the Highlander Guide (MCC Student Handbook) and the Mental Health Handbook. Any breeches of conduct will result in disciplinary action.

Disturbances in the classroom, which include talking during class, will not be tolerated.

1. Students disturbing the class will be requested to leave the classroom or will have an assigned seat.
2. Continued disregard for classroom decorum will result in the student being dropped from the class rolls.
3. Caps, hats, and sun glasses will not be worn in the classroom. Sun glasses that are medically required may be worn.
4. Cheating during an exam or where related to a term paper, will result in the student being given a FAILURE (F) for the course, and dropped from the class rolls.
5. Students may use computers in the classroom but must sit on the front row. Computers will only be used for taking lecture notes.

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CELL PHONE POLICY: (This policy will be strictly enforced)

- A. All students with cell phones will be required to place their cell phone on silent before entering the classroom. Text messaging is not allowed in the classroom.
- B. If a student receives an emergency call during class and he or she needs to answer the call:
 - 1. Quietly leave the classroom before answering the call.
 - 2. After completing their phone call students are asked to quietly enter the classroom in a manner that will not disturb the instructor or other students.
- C. First violation of the policy will result in the student not being able to have their cell phone activated during class.
- D. Second violation of the policy, the student will have 5 points deducted from their final grade point average.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/student-email.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)
- [Email Setup for Androids](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.