



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
SAN ANTONIO

## Crime & Justice Policy

CRIM 3350.001 | 3 Credits | Spring 2025

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Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 am – 01:00 pm

### Course Description:

This course will introduce, examine, and analyze major issues regarding crime and justice policies. Specifically, the course introduces social issues that are currently affecting the criminal justice system in the United States. This course emphasizes a conceptual understanding of the creation, implementation, and evaluation of the criminal justice policies.

*Prerequisites: CRIM 1301, CRIM 2330, & ENGL 1302*

### Course Learning Objectives:

- By the end of this course, students should be able to:
  - Identify the current practices and functions of the criminal justice system.
  - Assess the negative and positive impacts of criminal justice policies.
  - Describe the functions of the social institutions connected to crime, (e.g., politics, media, education, family, etc.).
  - Evaluate a criminal justice policy.

### Textbook (Optional):

Mallicoat, S., & Gardiner, C. (2014). *Criminal Justice Policy*. Sage. ISBN: 9781544302683



## Assessments

### **Attendance:**

You are expected to attend EVERY class and actively participate in class discussions and activities. If you must miss class, please let me know beforehand with proper documentation. During class, we will have in-class handouts, discussions, and pop-quizzes. If you miss class, you are responsible for catching up with the class on your own. Chapter notes of the textbook will be provided on BlackBoard in case you miss a class. If you miss a class without a proper documentation, there will be no late submissions of assignments.

### **Pop Quizzes (150pts):**

There will be multitude of quizzes randomly distributed throughout the semester. This is to promote student attendance. The number of quizzes and its point values will be determined by the instructor's discretion.

### **Participation (150pts):**

You are expected to fully participate in class exercises. Be ready to answer the questions that I will ask you during class. This course will be heavily discussion-based lecture. Students actively participating in the class discussion will receive points based on the quality of the discussion. Participation activeness and discussion quality will be determined by the instructor's discretion.

### **Exams (150pts):**

You will have three exams throughout the semester. Each exam will be worth 50 pts. The contents of the exams will be from the lecture.

### **Group Presentations (50pts):**

Students will present one group presentation that consists of 3 members (You pick who you want to work with). A group will be assigned a date via random draw. They will prepare a 21–30-minute (minimum of 7 minutes each – will be timed) presentation that will be discussed by the entire class afterwards. Each group will pick their own topic (cannot overlap with the topic we cover in class) and must be preapproved by the instructor. Detailed instructions regarding the presentation will be provided in Blackboard.

### **Final Exam (TBD):**

Final exam will be administered (may or may not) based on the instructor's discretion. Final exam is cumulative and will take place during the scheduled final exam time.



**Grading Scheme:**

| <b>Evaluation Mechanism</b> | <b>Point Value</b> | <b>Point %</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Pop-Quizzes                 | 150pts (TBD)       | 30             |
| In-class Discussions        | 150pts             | 30             |
| Exams                       | 150pts             | 30             |
| Group Presentations         | 50pts              | 10             |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>500</b>         | <b>100</b>     |

**Grading Scale:**

| <b>GRADE POINT</b> | <b>PERCENTAGE (AVERAGE)</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4.0 (A)            | 90.0 – 100 %                |
| 3.0 (B)            | 80.0 – 89.9 %               |
| 2.0 (C)            | 70.0 – 79.9 %               |
| 1.0 (D)            | 60.0 – 69.9 %               |
| 0.0 (F)            | Below 60.0 %                |

**Late Assignment Policy:**

Students are expected to turn in work on time. Work submitted late but within 24 hours of the due date and time will receive a 50% penalty. The late submission mercy period of (24 hrs) excludes unexcused absence caused late submissions. Meaning, if you missed class, there will be no late submissions.

**Disruptive Behavior:**

The student's behavior in the online classroom shall be conducive to the teaching and learning process for all concerned. The student has a right to scholarly relationships with faculty based on mutual trust and civility. No student shall interfere with the functions and services of the University (but not limited to, classes . . .) such that the function or service is obstructed or disrupted.

**Academic Integrity:**

Students are prohibited from using any AI tools like Chat GPT, etc. Students will be dropped from the course when caught violating any academic integrity standards like plagiarism and/or use of AI.

**Syllabus Change Policy:**

The syllabus is subject to change with reasonable advanced notice as course needs arise. It will and can be changed based on the instructor's judgment or the evaluation of the class progress throughout the semester. **Depending on the progress of the semester, the schedule, assignment, and exam dates will change.** When Change is made in the schedule, you will be notified via BlackBoard Announcement tab. Thus, always check BlackBoard for updates on the schedule.



## **IMPORTANT POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

**Academic Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities** The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights protection for individuals with disabilities. Title II of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that students with disabilities be guaranteed equal access to the learning environment through the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodation of their disability. If you have a disability that may require accommodation, please contact Disability Support Services (DSS) for the coordination of services. The phone number for DSS is (210) 784-1335 and email is [dss@tamusa.edu](mailto:dss@tamusa.edu).

**Academic Learning Center** All currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio can utilize the Academic Learning Center for subject-area tutoring. The Academic Learning Center is an appointment based center where appointments are made through the Navigate platform. Students access Navigate through Jagwire in the Student Services tab. The Center is active on campus outreaching to students to highlight services offered. You can contact the Academic Learning Center by emailing [tutoring@tamusa.edu](mailto:tutoring@tamusa.edu) or calling (210)-784-1332. Appointments can also be made through JagWire under the services tab.

**Counseling Resources** As a college student, there may be times when personal stress interferes with your academic performance and/or negatively impacts your daily functioning. If you or someone you know is experiencing life stressors, emotional difficulties, or mental health concerns at Texas A&M University – San Antonio, please contact the Student Counseling Center (SCC) located in Modular C, Room 166 (rear entrance) or call 210-784-1331 between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM, Monday – Friday. After-hours crisis support is available by calling 210-784-1331 (select option “2”). Please contact UPD at 911 if harm to self or harm to others is imminent.

All mental health services provided by the SCC are free, confidential (as the law allows), and are not part of a student’s academic or university record. SCC provides brief individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, case management, and prevention services. For more information, please visit [www.tamusa.edu/studentcounseling](http://www.tamusa.edu/studentcounseling)

**Emergency Preparedness** JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio’s mass notification. In the event of an emergency, such as inclement weather, students, staff and faculty, who are registered, will have the option to receive a text message, email and/or phone call with instructions and updates. To register or update your information visit:

<https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/>

More information about Emergency Preparedness and the Emergency Response Guide can be found here: <https://www.tamusa.edu/upd/index.html>

**Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance** According to the following federal regulation, 34 CFR 668.21: U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title IV regulation, a student can only receive Title IV



funds based on Title IV eligibility criteria which include class attendance. If Title IV funds are disbursed to ineligible students (including students who fail to begin attendance), the institution must return these funds to the U.S. DoE within 30 days of becoming aware that the student will not or has not begun attendance. Faculty will provide the Office of Financial Aid with an electronic notification if a student has not attended the first week of class. Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend the first week of class will have their aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester may also need to return a portion of their federal aid.

**Meeting Basic Needs** If you face challenges securing food, housing or other basic needs, you are not alone, and A&M- San Antonio can help during this time of crisis. We invite you to learn about the many resources available to support you by visiting the [Dean of Student's website](#) or by reaching out via [dos@tamusa.edu](mailto:dos@tamusa.edu). Additionally, it is not unusual for students to encounter temporary illness or injuries that may interfere with your academic success. Students may request temporary illness/disability assistance by reaching out to the [Dean of Student's Office](#) (210) 784-1354. If you are comfortable doing so, please notify the professor of any issues so that they may provide additional resources.

**Military Affairs** Veterans and active-duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to communicate, in advance if possible, and in special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployment, drill requirements, disability accommodations). You are also encouraged to visit the Patriots' Casa in-person room 202, or to contact the Office of Military Affairs with any questions at [military.va@tamusa.edu](mailto:military.va@tamusa.edu), or (210)784-1397.

**Religious Observances** Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes.

**Respect for Diversity** We understand that our students represent diverse backgrounds and perspectives. When we are equity-minded, we are aware of differences and inequalities and are willing to discuss them so we can act to resolve them. The University is committed to building cultural competencies, or the attitudes, skills, and knowledge that enable individuals and organizations to acknowledge cultural differences and incorporate these differences in working with people from diverse cultures. Respecting and accepting people different than you is vital to your success in the class, on campus, and as a future professional in the global community. While working together to build this community we ask all members to:

- Share their unique experiences, values, and beliefs.
- Be open to the views of others.
- Honor the uniqueness of their colleagues.
- Value each other's opinions and communicate respectfully.



- Keep confidential discussions that the community has of a personal (or professional) nature.
- Use this opportunity together to discuss ways in which we can create an inclusive environment in this course and across the A&M-San Antonio community.

**The Six-Drop Rule** Students are subject to the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007. SB 1231 limits students to a maximum of six (6) non-punitive course drops (i.e., courses a student chooses to drop) during their undergraduate careers. A non-punitive drop does not affect the student's GPA. However, course drops that exceed the maximum allowed by SB 1231 will be treated as "F" grades and will impact the student's GPA.

**Statement of Harassment and Discrimination** Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, A&M-San Antonio encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality, diversity, pluralism, and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation, and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law and individual merit. Texas A&M University-San Antonio, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices within their respective units.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the university as a whole. If you have experienced any form of sex- or gender-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available. A&M-San Antonio has staff members trained to support survivors in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. The university strongly encourages all students to report any such incidents to the university. Please be aware that all A&M-San Antonio employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as counselors and other healthcare providers) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the university. This means that if you tell a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment, sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the university's Title IX Coordinator. If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact the Student Counseling Center at (210) 784-1331, Modular C.

**Students' Rights and Responsibilities** The purpose of the following statement is to enumerate the essential provisions for the student freedom and responsibility to learn at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. All students are required to follow all policies and regulations as set forth by The Texas A&M University System. This includes the [A&M-San Antonio Student Code of Conduct](#).  
*Students' Rights*





1. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no university rule or procedure that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.
2. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the university, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, gender identity, or gender expression in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
3. A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.
4. Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of university student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process.

#### *Students' Responsibilities*

1. A student has the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, the faculty and the administration.
2. A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published University Student Rules found in the Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, on our website, University Catalog and students must comply with them and the laws of the land.
3. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire university community.
4. A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide an environment for learning.
5. A student has the responsibility to check their university email for any updates or official university notification.
6. We expect that students will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

**Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center** The Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center supports graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges as well as faculty and staff. Tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, and plan, draft, and revise their written assignments. Our language tutors support students enrolled in Spanish courses and students composing in Spanish for any assignment. Our digital studio tutors support students working on digital projects such as eportfolios, class presentations, or other digital multimedia projects. Students can schedule appointments through JagWire under the



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Student Services tab. Click on “Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center” to make your appointment. The Center offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. More information about what services we offer, how to make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/WLDCCenter>.