

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS
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The criminal justice system is made up of three separate and independent components: the police, the courts, and corrections. While each of these components is independent, what each one does affects the others. Additionally, while each sector of the criminal justice system is independent, they rely on others, namely the executive and legislative branches of government, to set its budget and enact and enforce rules that limit their operational independence. In this course we will examine how each of these components and its individual actors operate and to form what we call the criminal justice system.

The structure of this course will be oriented around a traditional graduate seminar. As graduate students, you all have a serious responsibility to each other, and to the seminar, to read, analyze, integrate and critique the literature you are assigned. I expect full participation from each member of the seminar. Additionally, attendance is a must. By enrolling in the seminar you accept the responsibility of attending each seminar meeting. Absences will be reflected in a student's participation grade.

Required Texts:

Bayley, D. (1997). What Works in Policing. Oxford University Press.

Johnson, R. (1995). Hard Time Wadsworth

Ohlin, L.E., and F.J. Remington (1993). Discretion in Criminal Justice: The Tension Between Individualization and Uniformity. State University of New York Press.

Petersilia, J. (2003). When Prisoners Come Home. Oxford University Press.

Skogan, W. (2004). Community Policing: Can it Work? Wadsworth

Von Hirsch, A. (1976). Doing Justice: The Choice of Punishments. Hill and Wang

Course Requirements

Research paper	100 points (50%)
In class presentation	20 points (10%)
Short Writing Assignment	40 points (20%)
Participation	40 points (20%)

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Aug 23 Introduction to Class

Aug 30 Criminal Justice: An Evolving System

Discretion in Criminal Justice. Chapter 1

Blumstein, A. (1997). "Interaction of criminological research and public policy," Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 12: 349.

Hagan, J. (1989). "Why Is There So Little Criminal Justice Theory? Neglected Macro-And Micro-Level Links Between Organization And Power." Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency 26:116-135.

Haggerty, K. (2004). "Displaced Expertise. Three Constraints on the Policy relevance of Criminological Thought," Theoretical Criminology, 8: 211

Bernard, T., E. Paoline and P. Pare (2005). General Systems Theory and Criminal Justice," Journal of Criminal Justice, 33:203.

Sept 5 Police Personnel

Discretion in Criminal Justice: Chapters 2 and 4

Van Mannen, J. (1974). "Working the Street: A developmental view of police behavior." In H. Jacob (Ed.), The Potential for Reform of Criminal Justice.

Cochran, J. & Bromely (2003). "The myth of the police subculture," Policing, 26: 88.

Zhao, J., Thurman, and He (1999). "Sources of job satisfaction among police officers: A test of demographic and work environment models," Justice Quarterly, 16: 153-174.

Sept 12 Policing Tactics and Administration

Bayley, D. (1997). What Works in Policing.

Sept 19 Community Policing

Skogan, W. (2004). Community Policing: Can it Work?

Sept 26 Criminal Courts in Action

Discretion in Criminal Justice: Chapter 3

Guidorizzi, D. (1998). "Should we really "ban" plea bargaining?: The core concerns of plea bargaining critics," Emory Law Journal 47: 753.

Miethe, T. 1987. "Charging and Plea Bargaining Practices under Determinate Sentencing: An Investigation of the Hydraulic Displacement of Discretion." The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. 78 (1): 155-176.

Spohn, C. (2002) How do Judges Decide? Chapter 4.

Duncan v. Louisiana, 391 U.S. 145 (1968).

Hans, V. (2002). "U.S. Jury Reform: The Active Jury and the Adversarial Ideal," Saint Louis University Public Law Review, 21:85.

Oct 3 Criminal Court Actors

Frohman, L. (1997). "Convictability and discordant locales: Reproducing race, class, and gender ideologies in prosecutorial decision making" Law & Society Review; 31:531-555

Flemming, R.B.(1990). "The political styles and organizational strategies of American prosecutors: Examples from nine court communities." Law & Policy 12:25.

Griffin, T and J. Woolredge (2001). "Judge's reactions to sentencing reform in Ohio", Crime and Delinquency, 47: 491.

Houlden, P. and S. Balkin (1985). "Quality and cost comparisons of private bar indigent defense systems: Contract vs. Ordered assigned counsel." Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology 76:176.

Best v. Grant County (Complaint and Consent Decree).

Huber, G.A. and S.C. Gordon (2004). "Accountability and Coercion: Is Justice Blind When It Runs for Office?" American Journal of Political Science, 48: 247.