**Syllabus: Fall 2018**

Northern Virginia Community College

Course Name: Juvenile Justice System

Course Number: ADJ 105

Section Number: 002A-#16829

Meeting Times: Wednesday 12:30 pm – 3:10 pm

Meeting Location: Bisdorf AA-442

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**This syllabus is a guide. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as needed.**

**Course Materials**

Required Readings

Bartollas, Clemens.Miller, Stuart J.2017.Juvenile Justice in America 8th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.

**Course Description**

Presents the evolution, philosophy, structures and processes of the American juvenile delinquency system; surveys the right of juveniles, dispositional alternatives, rehabilitation methods, and current trends.

**General Course Purpose**

The purpose of the course is to provide the student with an overview of the juvenile offender, the types of violations committed by them, reasons for the misbehavior, and how our juvenile legal system works to rehabilitate the offender.

**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

* explain the functioning of the juvenile justice system (law enforcement, juvenile court and juvenile corrections)
* state causes of youth crime and the role of the citizen in helping their young people

- describe the importance of rehabilitative and reductive efforts in both juvenile and adult crime

**Major Topics to be Included**

• History of juvenile crime and attempts by society to deal with it

• Philosophy of our juvenile justice system

• Role of law enforcement

• The Juvenile Court (judge, probation officer)

• Juvenile detention

• Crime causation theories

• Child abuse

• Runaways

• Child pornography

• Supreme Court decisions and their impact

• Constitutional rights of juveniles

• Youth gangs

• Peer group influences

• Family responsibilities

**Course Requirements and Grading**

* Four Examinations (300 points total – lowest exam grade dropped)
* Written Assignment (100 points)
* Attendance and Participation (32 points)
* Assignments (5 assignments = 40 points – lowest grade dropped)
* Extra Credit: Complete Course Evaluation (10 points)
* **If a class is cancelled, check Canvas for assignment/grading information.**

**Grading Scale**

100%-90% - A 69%-60% - D

89%-80 – B Below 60 - F

79%-70% - C

**Description of Course Requirements**

**Examinations**

There will be four examinations. **I will drop the lowest test grade.** Examinations may consist of true/false, multiple choice, fill-in the blank and essay questions. There will be a maximum of 50 questions per examination and the examination will cover materials presented during lectures and from the textbook. **Study guides will be provided.**

There will be absolutely no make–up or early exams. Failure to take the exam when scheduled will result in the grade of “0” for the missed exam. That missed exam will constitute the “dropped” exam.

***There will be no opportunity for extra credit assignments so it is important that you satisfy the stated requirements.***

**Attendance**

Attendance for each class is required. Thirty-Two points ofyour final grade is based on your attendance in the class. Each missed class will result in a (2) point deduction from the attendance grade (32 points).

Attendance for each class is required. I usually take attendance at the beginning and end of each class. Each half of class is worth 1 points. If you are late, or leave early you will lose 1 points. I will make a determination for any attendance/participation points earned each class.

**Any student not attending the first 3 classes will be dropped from the course by the instructor. Any student who misses more than 5 classes may be dropped by the instructor. Please notify the instructor with any special circumstances.**

Read the textbook before class, and be prepared to ask and answer questions. If you attended class, there is good chance the 89 (B) will become a 90 (A).

**Assignments**

Complete the study guides to study for the exams. Bring your study guide to class each week. During each exam cycle (there is an exam about once a month) during class I will announce a “surprise quiz”. I will collect the study guides and grade 20 questions from the study guide students should have completed. .5 points per question.

**Policies and Procedures**

**Late Assignments – NO late assignments are accepted.**

**All use of any electronic device (including cell phones) is prohibited during class time unless approved by the instructor or IAP.**

**When in class please do not sleep, write notes to each other, read newspapers, do homework for any class, listen to music, or engage in activity that may disturb others.**

***Please turn your phone on vibrate!!***

**Classroom Civility – students are expected to respect each other and the instructor. Students should not disrupt class by arriving late, leaving early and/or by unnecessary talking. Students may be asked to leave class for any disruptions.**

**Fire/Emergency Evacuation Procedures**: The evacuation route is located on the wall next to the classroom door. Please familiarize yourself with this route. In case of an emergency, take all of your belongings with you when/if possible.

**Inclement Weather and Other Closing Information**: Please check NOVA’s website (www.nvcc.edu) for information about weather closings and if class is cancelled, check Canvas for assignment information. Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for NOVA Alert: <https://alert.nvcc.edu/index.php?CCheck=1>.

**Special Accommodations**: Any student who thinks that he or she might need an accommodation based on a disability should make an appointment to see a Counselor for Disability Services (Bisdorf Room 194). You can also call 703-933-1840. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/disability-services/index.html>.

**\* Students are urged to contact the instructor with any special circumstances.**

**Office Hours:**

**Room - Bisdorf #352**

Monday: 9am – 12 (noon) and 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday: 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**or see me before/ after class. Emails also work.**

**Course of Study**  TOPIC /READINGS

**January 15 Course Orientation**

**January 22 Juvenile Justice Chapter 1**

**January 29 Measurement and Nature of Juvenile Crime Chapter 2**

**February 5 Causes of Juvenile Crime Chapter 3**

**Gender and Juvenile Justice Chapter 4**

**February 12 Exam 1 (Chapters 1-4)**

**The Police Chapter 5**

**February 19 The Juvenile Court Chapter 6**

**Written Assignment – Given to class**

**February 26 Juveniles in Adult Court Chapter 7**

**March 4 Exam 2 Chapters (5-7)**

**Juvenile Probation Chapter 8**

**March 11 Spring Break (No Class)**

**March 18 Community-Based Programs Chapter 9**

**March 25 Juvenile Institutionalization Chapter 10**

**April 1 Juvenile Aftercare Chapter 11**

**April 8 Exam 3 Chapters (8-11)**

**Treatment Technologies Chapter 12**

**April 15 Juvenile Gangs Chapter 13**

**Written Assignment Due in class**

**April 22 Special Populations Chapter 14**

**April 29 Juvenile Justice 21st Century Chapter 15**

**May 6 Exam 4 Chapters (12-15)**

**Important Dates Spring 2020**

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| **Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday for students, faculty and staff. College offices closed.** | **January 20** |
| **Financial aid adjustments begin. Classes added on or after this date for the current term will not increase your eligibility for financial aid grants. Aid may be reduced for students enrolled in less than 12 eligible credits. Information on financial aid awards, disbursements and refunds is available** [**here.**](https://blogs.nvcc.edu/financialaid/2019/06/25/financial-aid-awards-adjustments-disbursements-refunds/) | **February 1** |
| **Last day to apply for Spring graduation.** [**\***](https://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/spring20.html#note1) | **March 1** |
| **Second period to use excess (undisbursed) financial aid at the Bookstore.** | **March 2 - 24** |
| **Spring Break for teaching faculty and students. College offices open.** | **March 9 - 15** |
| [**Final Exam Schedule**](https://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/_image/FINAL-Exam-Schedule-Spring-2020-Guidelines.pdf) | **May 5 - 11** |
| **16-Week Session** | |
| **Last day to add name to wait list** | **December 31** |
| **Classes begin** | **January 13** |
| **Last day to drop with a tuition refund (Census)** | **January 31** |
| **Last day to withdraw without grade penalty** | **March 25** |
| **Final exam week begins** | **May 5** |
| **Classes, exams end** | **May 11** |