Course Description

Catalog: Three units (3), Principles and Procedures (AJ 4) class covers the structure, definitions and sections of the Criminal Justice System and related various agencies.

Note: AJ4 is a class required to obtain the college AS Degree in Administration of Justice, the “Law Enforcement Officer Candidate Certificate,” the “Criminal Justice Professional Certificate,” the “Probation/Correction Officer Candidate Certificate,” and the “Academy Option Certificate.” These certificates and degree requirements are found on page 63 & 64 of the LAMC Catalog 2004-2005.

Course Text

Criminal Justice: by James A. Fagin, (2005 Edition), published by Allyn and Bacon (ISB: 0-205-45336-8). Note: Text can be purchased at the Mission College Bookstore; which has hours of operation starting at 10am-7pm Mon-Th., 9am-4pm Fir, 8am-12pm on Sat. Bookstore phone number is 818/364-7768, or online at www.lamissionbookstore.com.

Course Objectives

1. Students will learn and exhibits knowledge of methods to understanding what is the Criminal Justice System and its elements.

2. Students will learn how to determine the different divisions of the Criminal Justice System and how the different agencies interact.

3. Students will improve writing skills and study skills in the area of the Criminal Justice System with reference to how it’s applied to real world criminal cases and victims.
Grading & Evaluation

1. Class attendance will be 25% (1/4) of grade.
2. Class participation will be 25% (1/4) of grade.
3. Accumulative exams/quizzes will be 50% of final grade.

**Grading System:**

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**Date/Topic outline:**

**February 2006**
- 7th: Start of class, Introduction, signup for class. Course overview.
- 14th: Chapter one – Criminal Justice (Bring Candy)
- 21st: Chapter two – Criminal Justice Process
- 28th: Chapter three – Criminal Behavior

**March 2006**
- 7th: Chapter four – Criminal Law
- 14th: Chapter five – Due Process and Police Procedures
- 21st: Chapter six – History of American Policing & Review for Midterm
- 28th: **Midterm exam: Covers Chapters one to six.**

**April 2006**
- 4th: Chapter seven – Function of the Police.
- 11th: **No Class!!!!!!!!!!!**
- 18th: Chapter eight – Police Professionalism.
- 25th: Chapter nine – The Court System.

**May 2006**
- 2nd: Chapter ten – The Court room and Trial
- 9th: Chapter eleven – Sentencing and Sanctions.
- 16th: Chapter twelve – Jails and Prisons.
- 23rd: Chapter thirteen – Probation and Parole
- 30th: Chapter fourteen – Corrections in the Community **Final Exam: Covers one to twelve (comprehensive).**

**Revised:** Syllabus is subject to change without notice. Please note revision date above and you are responsible for the most recent updated version that can be found on the AJ web page ([www.lamission.edu/aj](http://www.lamission.edu/aj)). Click on faculty, then click on my name (look at the bottom of that page for this syllabus).