

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: American Judicial System

Course Abbreviation and Number: CRI 2640

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Focuses on the dynamics of the courthouse. Students study lawyers and their participation in the criminal court arenas. Issues such as how and why cases move from one court to another, sentencing, and proposals for reforming the court process are discussed.

Prerequisite: ENG 1510, CRI 1510.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe the roles of the members of the Courtroom Work Group.
 2. Describe the Court System including, Federal, State, Appellate, Juvenile and Lower Courts.
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Topics Covered:

- The legal system including a discussion of federal and state court systems
 - Legal actors in the CJ system, i.e, prosecutors, defense attorneys
 - Judges
 - Defendants and victims
 - Processing the accused
 - Arrest to Arraignment, Bail, Disclosing and suppressing evidence;
 - Trials and Juries
 - Sentencing the Guilty
 - Appellate, Lower and Juvenile Courts
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
 - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
 - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
 - Disability/Special Services
 - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
 - Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
 - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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 - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2019