



STARK STATE COLLEGE

GENERAL SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Name: Introduction to Criminal Justice
Course Number: CJS121

Required Materials

Textbook(s): Larry Gaines, Roger LeRoy Miller, Criminal Justice in Action (11th edition) Cengage 2022
Required Readings: See weekly calendar below
Additional Materials: Optional materials are posted on the LMS

Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 1, Criminal Justice Today
2	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 2, Causes of Crime
3	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 3, The Crime Picture: Offenders and Victims
4	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 4, Inside Criminal Law
5	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 5, Law Enforcement Today
6	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 6, Problems and Solutions in Modern Policing
7	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 7, Police and the Constitution: The Rules of Law Enforcement
8	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 8, Courts and the Quest for Justice
9	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 9, Pretrial Procedures: The Adversary System in Action
10	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 10, The Criminal Trial
11	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 11, Punishment and Sentencing
12	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 12, Probation, Parole, and Intermediate Sanctions
13	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 13, Prisons and Jails
14	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 14, The Prison Experience and Prison Reentry
15	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 15, The Juvenile Justice System
16	Comprehensive Final Examination