



**CJ 47:202:425**  
**MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE**  
**SYLLABUS**

This course is offered asynchronously during the Fall 2024 semester. As such, we will not have regular meeting times each week in which we are all in the same virtual space at the same time. We will, however, have opportunities to connect virtually in real-time as the semester progresses either in one-on-one sessions with me or during office hours. I am excited to embark on this adventure with you for what I hope you will find to be an engaging and interesting class!

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“It is more important that innocence be protected than it is that guilt be punished, for guilt and crimes are so frequent in this world that they cannot all be punished. But if innocence itself is brought to the bar and condemned, perhaps to die, then the citizen will say, 'whether I do good or whether I do evil is immaterial, for innocence itself is no protection,' and if such an idea as that were to take hold in the mind of the citizen that would be the end of security whatsoever.”

~ John Adams

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Supreme Court of the United States has used the following principle to provide the philosophical basis for proof beyond a reasonable doubt: “Better 10 guilty go free than even one innocent be wrongly convicted.” Yet, miscarriages of justice can and do (with alarming regularity) occur. The purpose of this course is to provide a critical and interdisciplinary examination of the current functioning of the American criminal justice system. We will examine policies (e.g., police procedure, prosecution, jury selection, use of scientific evidence, etc.) and practices of police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and juries that can contribute to innocents being wrongfully apprehended, prosecuted, convicted, incarcerated, and even executed. While the content of this course focuses primarily on wrongful convictions, it is not one-sided. A broad definition of ‘justice’ requires that we consider the implications of both convicting the innocent and neglecting to convict the guilty. Readings and discussions will center on the tension between controlling crime and ensuring the rights of the accused.

**PLEASE NOTE: I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS SYLLABUS AS THE COURSE PROCEEDS**

### **B.S., CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM LEARNING GOALS (SLOs)**

Upon completion of the B.S. in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark, students should be able to:

- 1) Describe the development and functions of major criminal justice institutions (e.g., police, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice), the activities of actors within these institutions, and how they relate to one another as well as the broader social, political, and economic world.
- 2) Describe the mechanisms, correlates, theoretical underpinnings, and situational contexts of crime, criminal behavior and opportunity, and techniques for prevention and treatment.
- 3) Apply and analyze theories related to the policies and practices of the criminal justice system and its major institutions.
- 4) Demonstrate the ability to gather, explain, and apply empirical research in the field of criminal justice.
- 5) Obtain a comprehensive knowledge about the process of conducting criminal justice research, and develop the skills to conduct criminal justice research with appropriate methodologies.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE**

- Identify sociological, psychological, legal, and scientific factors that contribute to wrongful convictions
- Understand the philosophical and ethical underpinnings of decisions that result in miscarriages of justice
- Recognize the criminal justice procedures related to policing, prosecution, and defense that generate miscarriages of justice
- Discover how extralegal factors relate to miscarriages of justice
- Explore the collateral consequences of punishing “false positives,” including implications for undermining the legitimacy of the criminal justice system and allowing impunity for culpable offenders who remain at large
- Be conversant about existing redress mechanisms and policies to remedy miscarriages of justice
- Enhance critical thinking skills through participation in class discussions and completion of course assignments. *Critical thinking* entails identifying the logic of arguments and their assumptions, analyzing evidence to make logical conclusions, understanding how various concepts are logically related to each other, and learning to identify and understand multiple viewpoints
- Develop analytical, research, and presentation skills through discussions

## REQUIRED READINGS

Westervelt, Saundra D. and John A. Humphrey (Eds.) (2001). *Wrongly Convicted: Perspectives on Failed Justice*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. ISBN: 9780813529523

The textbook will be available at the Rutgers Barnes & Noble in Newark or can be purchased elsewhere, but it is important that you have a copy to be successful in this course. The remainder of the required readings, podcasts, discussion boards, and other resources can be found on our Canvas course site.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

*Miscarriages of Justice* is offered as an advanced course. The course readings are central to our group discussions, which will take place each week continuously throughout the semester. You will be expected to participate in discussions at least twice per week. Students are therefore required to read assigned chapters/articles, review the audio-recorded lectures in the PowerPoint slides, and participate in discussion boards in a manner that reflects familiarity with the readings and previous course content.

You will be consulting the course Canvas website multiple times a week to stay informed about any course announcements, review assigned readings, access online materials, participate in class discussions, and the like. Please anticipate spending approximately 10 hours per week on this class, including reading the required material, contributing to the discussion board, reviewing lecture materials and podcasts, preparing for exams, and generally participating in our virtual experience together.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

|  |     |   | <i>Link to SLO</i>   |
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| Weekly quizzes on required readings:       | 20% | = | SLO # 1, 2, 3, and 5 |
| Weekly participation on discussion boards: | 30% | = | SLO # 1, 2, 3, and 4 |
| Exam 1:                                    | 25% | = | SLO # 1, 2, and 3    |
| Exam 2:                                    | 25% | = | SLO # 1, 2, and 3    |

**Weekly quizzes on required readings (20%):** A multiple choice and true/false quiz consisting of 5 questions, focused on the required readings, will open on Canvas by 9:00 AM on Sundays before each module. **The quizzes will close at 9:00 PM on Wednesday of each module.** You will have one opportunity to take each quiz and these quizzes will be timed (15 minutes). Complete the weekly quiz only after you have read and digested the required readings.

**Weekly participation on discussion boards (30%):** Because this course is offered online and asynchronously, it is very important to be an active participant in the class. As such, a large portion of your final grade is dedicated to your participation in the relevant discussion boards on Canvas. **It is your responsibility to post at least two times per module.** You can find a rubric for these postings and expectations about your participation below.

**Exam 1 (25%):** The first exam will **be made available on Tuesday, Oct 15 at 9:00 AM and will close on Thursday, Oct 17 at 9:00 PM.** You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam from the moment you open it, and you may only open it once. You will be responsible for **all material in the course** from the beginning of the semester through the end of the week of October 7. This exam will include 30 multiple-choice and true/false questions.

**Exam 2 (25%):** The second exam will **be available on Tuesday, Dec 17 at 9:00 AM and will close on Thursday, Dec 19 at 9:00 PM.** You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam from the moment you open it, and you may only open it once. You will be responsible for **all material in the course** from the week of October 21 through the end of the week of December 2. This exam will include 30 multiple-choice and true/false questions.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

I expect that students who are seriously committed to learning in this course will:

- 1. Follow the guidelines and policies outlined in this syllabus and on all assignments.** This includes ensuring that you participate in the discussion board and take quizzes/exams by the scheduled due dates.
- 2. Substantively participate in discussions at least twice per week.** The material covered in lecture videos and PowerPoint slides will not simply be a regurgitation of the readings, and discussion forums provide an opportunity to understand these materials.
- 3. Prepare for each week by carefully reviewing the assigned readings.** Read all the required readings for each module before the week in question. This will allow you to prepare for the quiz and actively participate in discussions during the module.
- 4. Take notes on the readings.** Exams will be based on material that is covered in lectures (PowerPoint slides and audio), podcasts, *and* required readings, only some of which may be raised in online discussions. If you have questions about the material, be sure to raise them in the discussion forums or attend office hours.
- 5. Attend office hours to discuss the lecture material, readings, and assignments.** You should feel free to attend as often as you like. I am available every week to help you with course material. If you are unable to attend during office hours, please set up a meeting with me at a mutually convenient time. I am always happy to meet with you!
- 6. Ethically participate in this course.** You are responsible for behaving with academic integrity in all your work for this class. Please review the University's principles here: <https://studentaffairs.newark.rutgers.edu/support-services/community-standards/code-conduct-academic-integrity>

Students who do not fulfill these expectations will find it hard to earn a "C" in this course and generally do not do as well as they want or expect.

## TOPICS, READINGS, AND DATES

Readings identified below as Westervelt & Humphreys or C (on the Canvas course site)

| Date                       | Topic   | Readings  |
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| <b>Week of<br/>SEPT 2</b>  | <b>MODULE 1: Introduction to Course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The adversarial system</li> <li>The concept of justice</li> <li>What is a miscarriage of justice?</li> </ul> | <b>W</b> Intro & Ch 1 (pg. 1 - 35)  |
|                            | Podcast: NPR – <i>The New Science Behind Our 'Unfair' Criminal Justice System</i> (30 min)  | <a href="https://www.npr.org/2015/07/06/418585084/the-new-science-behind-our-unfair-criminal-justice-system">https://www.npr.org/2015/07/06/418585084/the-new-science-behind-our-unfair-criminal-justice-system</a> |
|                            | Check-in with Dr. Griffiths   | Attend a Q&A session (see Canvas for dates and times)   |
| <b>Week of<br/>SEPT 9</b>  | <b>MODULE 2: Measuring Error</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Errors of justice</li> <li>Errors of due process</li> <li>Errors of impunity</li> </ul>                             | <b>C</b> Forst Ch 1 & 6 (pg. 1 - 9 & 57 - 65)<br><b>C</b> <i>NY Times</i> (Liptak, 3 pgs.)  |
|                            | Take a practice quiz for module 2 as we get settled in the course (ungraded)  | <i>Note: graded weekly quizzes begin in module 3. You should try this ungraded practice quiz on Module 2 readings</i>   |
|                            | Exercise in Module (ungraded)   | <i>This exercise is based on the Forst readings</i>   |
|                            | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board   |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>SEPT 16</b> | <b>MODULE 3: Police Error</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biased &amp; ineffective lineups</li> <li>Eyewitness misidentification</li> <li>Tunnel vision</li> </ul>               | <b>W</b> Ch 4 & 9 (pg. 77 – 95 & 174 – 196)<br><b>C</b> <i>NY Times</i> (Southall, 5 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> <i>NY Times</i> (Goldstein, 9 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Salfino (1 pg.)  |
|                            | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm  |   |
|                            | Podcast: Wrongfulconvictionpodcast.com<br>- <i>An Unforgettable Story of Mistaken Identity, Grave Injustice, Forgiveness and Grace</i><br>(1hr and 3min)                                    | <a href="https://www.everand.com/listen/podcast/418991596">https://www.everand.com/listen/podcast/418991596</a>   |
|                            | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board   |   |

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| <b>Week of<br/>SEPT 23</b> | <b>MODULE 4: Police Error Con't.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interrogations</li> <li>• False confessions</li> </ul>                                   | <b>W</b> Ch 2 (pg. 36 – 54)<br><b>C</b> Cohen (5 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Kassin (10 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> <i>NY Times</i> (Alexander, 4 pgs.)   |
|                            | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm   |   |
|                            | Podcast: Wrongfulconvictionpodcast.com<br>– <i>False Confessions: Peter Reilly</i> (33 min)  | <a href="https://lavaforgood.com/podcast/356-wrongful-conviction-false-confessions-peter-reilly-update/">https://lavaforgood.com/podcast/356-wrongful-conviction-false-confessions-peter-reilly-update/</a> |
|                            | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board  |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>SEPT 30</b> | <b>MODULE 5: Prosecutorial Error</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misconduct</li> <li>• <i>Berger v U.S.</i></li> <li>• <i>Brady v Maryland</i></li> </ul> | <b>C</b> Armstrong (26 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Sievert (12 pgs.)  |
|                            | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm   |   |
|                            | Podcast: Crime & Precedents – <i>Brady v Maryland</i> (21 min)   | <a href="https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/crime-precedents/brady-v-maryland-IKWQxJOPmuh/">https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/crime-precedents/brady-v-maryland-IKWQxJOPmuh/</a>                       |
|                            | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board  |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>OCT 7</b>   | <b>MODULE 6: Prosecutorial Error Con't.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jury selection</li> <li>• <i>Batson v Kentucky</i></li> </ul>                     | <b>C</b> Forst Ch 9 (pg. 134 – 149)<br><b>C</b> <i>Batson v Kentucky</i> decision (2 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> <i>Foster v Chatman</i> decision (2 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> <i>NY Times</i> (Wright, 4 pgs.)               |
|                            | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm   |   |
|                            | Podcast: WNYC Studios – <i>More Perfect</i> (51 min)   | <a href="https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/radiolabmoreperfect/episodes/object-anyway">https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/radiolabmoreperfect/episodes/object-anyway</a>                               |
|                            | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board  |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>OCT 14</b>  | <b>EXAM 1 (90 min)</b>   | Opens Tuesday, Oct 15 at 9 am and closes Thursday, Oct 17 at 9 pm   |

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| <b>Week of<br/>OCT 21</b> | <b>MODULE 7: Defense Error</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right to counsel</li> <li>• Indigent defendants</li> <li>• Ineffective assistance of counsel</li> <li>• The <i>Strickland</i> Standard</li> </ul> | <b>C</b> <i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> (13 pgs.)<br><b>W</b> Ch 11 (pg. 220 - 240)<br><b>C</b> NACDL Lyon (2 pgs.)  |
|                           | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm  |   |
|                           | Podcast: Court Junkie– <i>Ineffective Assistance of Counsel: Mark Carver Trial</i> (59 min)   | <a href="https://www.pandora.com/podcast/court-junkie/ep-91-ineffective-assistance-of-counsel-mark-carver-trial/PE:4604054">https://www.pandora.com/podcast/court-junkie/ep-91-ineffective-assistance-of-counsel-mark-carver-trial/PE:4604054</a> |
|                           | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board   |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>OCT 28</b> | <b>MODULE 8: How Science is Viewed by the Courts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Forensic science &amp; junk science</li> </ul>   | <b>C</b> Dilanian & Kosner (5 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Saks & Koehler (4 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Cole (2 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> McRobbie (7 pgs.)   |
|                           | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm  |   |
|                           | Podcast: True Crimecast – <i>Junk Science: Cameron Todd Willingham</i> (48 min)   | <a href="https://player.fm/series/true-crimecast/junk-science-cameron-todd-willingham">https://player.fm/series/true-crimecast/junk-science-cameron-todd-willingham</a>   |
|                           | John Oliver: <i>Last Week Tonight – Forensic Science</i> (19 min)   | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScmJvmzDcG0&amp;list=LL45n0_JAJ_eQ_Y7lD8Wu4flw&amp;index=518">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScmJvmzDcG0&amp;list=LL45n0_JAJ_eQ_Y7lD8Wu4flw&amp;index=518</a>   |
|                           | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board   |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>NOV 4</b>  | <b>MODULE 9: DNA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs &amp; benefits</li> </ul>   | <b>C</b> Duster (7 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Cole 2 (6 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Cole 3 (11 pgs.)<br><b>C</b> Pishko (6 pgs.)   |
|                           | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm  |   |
|                           | Podcast: The Marshall Project – <i>Framed for Murder by his own DNA</i> (40 min)  | <a href="https://soundcloud.com/the-marshall-project/framed-for-murder-by-his-own-dna">https://soundcloud.com/the-marshall-project/framed-for-murder-by-his-own-dna</a>   |
|                           | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board   |   |

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| <b>Week of<br/>NOV 11</b> | <b>MODULE 10: Responses to Miscarriages of Justice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innocence projects</li> <li>• Innocence commissions</li> <li>• Compensation</li> </ul> | <b>C Schehr and Weathered (5 pgs.)</b><br><b>C Norris (23 pgs.)</b>   |
|                           | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm   |   |
|                           | Podcast: Newsbeat – <i>Exonerated and Broke</i> (19 min)   | <a href="https://www.usnewsbeat.com/exonerated-and-broke">https://www.usnewsbeat.com/exonerated-and-broke</a> |
|                           | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board  |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>NOV 18</b> | <b>MODULE 11: The Consequences of Wrongful Conviction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social</li> <li>• Psychological</li> <li>• Economic</li> </ul>                      | <b>C Wildeman et al. (23 pgs.)</b>  |
|                           | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm   |   |
|                           | Video: <i>Exoneree Voices: The human toll of wrongful convictions</i> (3 min)  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qz13vYkS0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qz13vYkS0</a>             |
|                           | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board  |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>NOV 25</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>  |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>DEC 2</b>  | <b>MODULE 12: Course review &amp; concluding discussion</b>  | <b>W Ch 12 (pg. 241 - 252)</b><br><b>C Huff (pg. 12 - 15 only)</b><br><b>C Dwyer et al. (11 pgs.)</b>         |
|                           | Complete Quiz before Wednesday at 9 pm   |   |
|                           | Review PowerPoint and Participate in Discussion Board (ungraded)   |   |
| <b>Week of<br/>DEC 16</b> | <b>EXAM 2 (90 min)</b>   | Opens Tuesday, Dec 17 at 9 am and closes Thursday, Dec 19 at 9 pm   |



## COURSE POLICIES

**Office hours:** On Wednesday each week, I will hold virtual office hours from 1 – 2 pm EST. To access these, log in to: <https://rutgers.webex.com/meet/eg345>. If you cannot meet with me during office hours, I am happy to set up an alternate time to meet!

**Course Canvas Site:** The use of the Canvas site for this course is integral to keeping you informed of upcoming class announcements, participating in discussions, accessing lecture PowerPoints and audio, and connecting to podcasts and required readings. The site will host all quizzes and exams; quizzes will close at 9:00 pm Wednesday of each week. The site also has a collection of all the required course readings that are not included in the textbook, copies of lecture slides, videos/podcasts, assignments, the syllabus, quizzes, exams, and other important reminders. Please consult Canvas regularly for relevant information. **For tech help with Canvas, please visit <https://it.rutgers.edu/help-support>.**

**Grading Rubric:** Please note that you must complete both exams to be eligible for a \*passing\* grade in this course. The final grade will be assessed as follows:

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| A  | = | 90.0-100%  | Work is <i>excellent</i> in quality; it is correct, comprehensive, and markedly superior  |
| B+ | = | 87.0-89.9% | Work is <i>very good</i> in quality; it is correct and provides a detailed explanation in responses; exceeds expectations in some areas |
| B  | = | 80.0-86.9% |   |
| C+ | = | 77.0-79.9% | Work is of <i>acceptable</i> quality; may be missing or incorrect in a minor area; meets but does not exceed expectations               |
| C  | = | 70.0-76.9% |   |
| D  | = | 60.0-69.9% | Work <i>does not meet</i> expectations for the course; it is incorrect in one or more major areas                                       |
| F  | = | 0-59.9%    | Work <i>fails</i> to meet minimum expectations for the course   |

If you require further clarification regarding your performance on an exam or other assignment, you are responsible for setting up an individual virtual appointment with me. I will not discuss grades during the designated virtual office hours, as these are designed to be drop-in opportunities and thus are not private.

Requests to review or reconsider any grade received must be made directly to me within 7 days of the return of the graded coursework. Requests for grade reassessment on exams must be accompanied by a written explanation detailing why you believe your grade should be higher. Please note that a request to re-grade means that the exam will be reassessed in its entirety and, in the event of an error in grading, the final grade may increase or decrease accordingly.

**Participation:** In an online class, it is extremely important that you participate regularly to interact with me and your peers. The discussion forums provide a key venue for these interactions. You will be expected to participate **at least twice per week** in these discussions. Your participation in these discussions is vital to your success in the course. Below, I provide a rubric for evaluating the quality and content of your contributions to the discussion.

**Protocols for Discussion Forums:** The discussion forums in an online class replace in-class discussions and thus represent the major form of communication between you, me, and your peers. These are not text messages. You should employ appropriate written English in your postings. Your contributions should be grammatically correct, use appropriate punctuation, and (generally) avoid emojis. You should be referencing course and related materials (readings, lecture material, material from previous weeks, and even new material that you have discovered – i.e., a recent news report, for example, in which you provide a link) in your postings. Each posting should be at least a full paragraph, elaborating and describing your points. It is also ideal to build upon and respond to the points of your peers, and to raise questions for discussion for the rest of us. At all times, it is important to be supportive and thoughtful in your responses to your classmates. There is often no one ‘right’ answer so think about discussing ideas to ponder, extend, or evaluate a statement or question. Your discussion postings must reflect engagement with the material and with the comments of your peers. Offensive language or content will not be tolerated. Please be considerate and respectful in your exchanges with me and with your classmates.

**Rubric for Discussion Forum Postings:** Your contributions will be assessed as follows:

| CHARACTERISTICS   | POOR:<br>1 POINT   | GOOD:<br>2 POINTS  | EXCELLENT:<br>3 POINTS   |
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| <b>Timeliness and quantity of contributions</b>   | One posting per discussion board; often posting later in the week  | Two or more postings per discussion board; often posting later in the week   | Two or more postings per discussion board; postings are well distributed throughout the week, with the first early in the week   |
| <b>Responsiveness to discussion; demonstration of knowledge; understanding gained from assigned reading</b> | Postings have questionable relation to the reading material or topic under discussion, with little or no evidence of understanding | It is clear from the postings that the readings were understood; concepts and insights are incorporated into responses | It is very clear from the postings that the readings were understood and ideas are incorporated well into responses; postings continue or build upon the comments and insights of your peers |
| <b>Follows online protocols for clear communication; correct grammar, spelling, and clarity</b>             | Online protocols are not followed; the organization is unclear   | Most online protocols are followed; statements are mostly organized and clear  | All online protocols are followed; statements are well-organized and clear   |

**Organization of Each Module:** You are expected to read all assigned readings *before each week in which the material is assigned* and to complete the remainder of the module material *during the week of the module* (i.e., weekly quiz, listen to podcast(s), review PowerPoint slides/audio, participate in discussion board). This is imperative to successful performance in this course.

**Missed Classes/Assignments/Exams:** If you are not able to complete an assignment or exam due to a documented emergency or unavoidable conflict (i.e., illness, personal or family emergency, participation in intercollegiate athletics, religious observance, etc.), you should reach out to me immediately to make arrangements for missed work or to schedule a make-up exam. Students who must, for any reason, miss an assignment, quiz, or exam should consult with me.

In the case of missed exams, documentation/verification of the absence will be required. Please contact me in advance of the exam, if possible.

Students for whom a religious holiday or observance conflicts with a course requirement should notify me by no later than the end of the Add-Drop period of potential scheduled conflicts to discuss whether mutually acceptable alternative methods exist for completing the missed assignment/exam.

**Lecture Material:** Course materials including email communications, lecture slides, and lecture content are the property of the instructor. Publishing this content on the internet or elsewhere is a violation of the intellectual property rights of the instructor.

**Video/Audio:** You may not videotape, audiotape, or otherwise reproduce material without the instructor's express consent.

**Contacting Me:** Discussion forums are the preferred method for any questions you have regarding the course material. If you have a question, you can bet that you are not the only one! Using the discussion forums to raise these questions provides opportunities for your classmates to have their queries responded to as well. I will generally try to respond to discussion forum questions within 24-48 hours. I will be looking for you to be both asking questions or raising points and responding to the questions and points of others in these discussion forums. My response time may be extended for questions posted over the weekend. You may contact me by email, but these emails should be limited to private questions about your performance, missed assignments, or grades and not general questions that would benefit the entire group.

**General Conduct:** You have a right to learn in an environment that is free from disruptions or offensive comments. I have the right to set appropriate standards of conduct that foster respectful and dignified treatment of faculty, students, and staff. As such, please be mindful of the general code of conduct that would be appropriate in any classroom setting. It is important to always engage professionally and respectfully with me and your peers.

In learning about criminology and criminal justice, students may encounter language, depictions, or attitudes that they find disturbing or offensive. It is important, then, to be respectful of the thoughts, ideas, and contributions of others to foster participation in a non-threatening and comfortable environment for learning. Please feel free to discuss with me any concerns you may have regarding sensitive issues in course materials.

**Academic Integrity:** As a member of the Rutgers University community, you are not to engage in any academic dishonesty. You are responsible for adhering to basic academic standards of honesty and integrity as outlined in the Rutgers University Policy on Academic Integrity for Undergraduate and Graduate Students (<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>).

Your academic work should be the result of your own individual effort, you should not allow other students to use your work, and you are required to recognize and reference any material that is not your own. Plagiarism, academic dishonesty, and cheating are serious violations. Violations of the university's policy will result in disciplinary action.

**Psychological and Counseling Services:** If you experience psychological or other difficulties as a result of this course, or because of other issues that may interfere with your performance in the course, please contact the university's psychological and counseling service center, which is located in Blumenthal Hall, room 101 (<https://studentaffairs.newark.rutgers.edu/health-wellness/counseling-center/counseling-psychiatric-care>; 973-353-5805). The center offers a variety of free, confidential services to part-time and full-time students who are enrolled at Rutgers.

### **RU-N Accommodation and Support Statement**

Rutgers University Newark (RU-N) is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students and the University as a whole. RU-N has identified the following resources to further the mission of access and support:

**For Individuals Experiencing Disability:** The Office of Disability Services (ODS) works with students with medical, physical, and/or mental conditions who encounter disabling barriers in order to determine reasonable and appropriate accommodations for access. Students who have completed the process with ODS and have approved accommodations are provided a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) specific to each course. To initiate accommodations for their course students must both provide the LOA to and have a conversation with the course instructor about the accommodations. This should occur as early in the semester as possible. More information can be found at the [RU-N ODS website \(ods.newark.rutgers.edu\)](https://ods.newark.rutgers.edu). Contact ODS at (973) 353-5375 or via email at [ods@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:ods@newark.rutgers.edu).

**For Individuals who are Pregnant:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance is available to assist with any concerns or potential accommodations related to pregnancy. Students may contact the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance at (973) 353-5063 or via email at [TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu).

**For Short-term Absence Verification:** The Office of the Dean of Students can provide assistance for absences related to religious observance, emergency or unavoidable conflict (illness, personal or family emergency, etc.). Students should refer to [University Policy 10.2.7](#). Students requesting a letter of verification should submit information using the following link: <https://go.rutgers.edu/Verification>.

**For Individuals with temporary conditions/injuries:** The Office of the Dean of Students can assist students who are experiencing a temporary condition or injury (broken or sprained limbs, concussions, or recovery from surgery). Students experiencing a temporary condition or injury should submit a request using the following link: <https://temporaryconditions.rutgers.edu>.

**For Gender or Sex-Based Discrimination or Harassment:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance can assist students who are experiencing any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking. Students can report an incident to the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance by calling (973) 353-1906 or emailing [TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu). Incidents may also be reported by using the following link: <https://go.rutgers.edu/RUNReportingForm>.

**For support related to Interpersonal Violence:** The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) can provide any student with confidential support. The office does **not** have a reporting obligation to Title IX. Students can contact the office by calling (973) 353-1918 or emailing [run.vpva@rutgers.edu](mailto:run.vpva@rutgers.edu). There is also a confidential text-based helpline available to students; students can text (973) 339-0734 for support. Students do not need to be a victim/survivor of violence; any student can receive services, information and support.

**For Crisis and Concerns:** The Campus Awareness Response and Education (CARE) Team works with students in crisis to develop a plan of support plan and address personal situations that might impact their academic performance. Connect with the CARE Team by using the following link: <https://go.rutgers.edu/RUNReportingForm> or emailing [careteam@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:careteam@newark.rutgers.edu).

**For Psychological Support (Stress, Mood, Family Issues, Substance Use concerns and other personal challenges):** The Rutgers University-Newark Counseling Center provides individual therapy and support groups for students dealing with psychological issues. To schedule an appointment, email [counseling@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:counseling@newark.rutgers.edu) or call (973) 353-5805. Additional support is available through Uwill services:

- Uhelp: Crisis support at 833-646-1526 (available 24/7/365).
- Urise: Wellness-based video collection with a free account.
- Umatch: Teletherapy with flexible scheduling, starting with a free account.

Access Uwill@RUN at <https://my.rutgers.edu> using your netid. Services are confidential and free.

For emergencies, call 911 or Rutgers University Police Department at (973) 353-5111.

#### COURSE-RELATED WEBSITES OF INTEREST

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| The Innocence Project            | <a href="http://www.innocenceproject.org">www.innocenceproject.org</a>                                      |
| Death Penalty Information Center | <a href="http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org">www.deathpenaltyinfo.org</a>                                      |
| Life after Exoneration Program   | <a href="http://www.exonerated.org/">www.exonerated.org/</a>  |
| Truth in Justice                 | <a href="http://www.truthinjustice.org">www.truthinjustice.org</a>  |
| Justice Denied                   | <a href="http://justicedenied.org">http://justicedenied.org</a>   |
| The Justice Project              | <a href="https://www.thejusticeproject.org/the-problem/">https://www.thejusticeproject.org/the-problem/</a> |

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- Criminal Justice National Honor Society (Alpha Phi Sigma)

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