

Wantagh High School
HS Criminal Justice Syllabus

Course Description

This course is designed to cover agencies and processes involved in the administration of criminal justice here in the United States. We cover the roles of police, district attorney, the courts, probation, corrections/jail/prison, and parole. We'll look at how the criminal justice system is shown on TV and in the movies. This class will also seek to establish a basic level of understanding of the major issues of concern in the criminal justice system.

Units of Study

Unit I - Crime in America

1. What is Criminal Justice?
2. The Crime Picture
3. Criminal Law

Unit II - Policing

1. Policing: Purpose and Organization
2. Policing: Legal Aspects
3. Policing: Issues and Challenges

Unit III - Adjudicating

1. The Courts
2. The Courtroom
3. Sentencing

Unit IV – Corrections

1. Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections
2. Prisons and Jails
3. Prison Life

After each unit, there will be some form of Unit Assignment; ESSAY, PROJECT, TEST, ETC.

Additional Readings

Additional readings will be provided through the semester. Content from these readings WILL be included on exams and/or papers. We will utilize a text book that will remain in the classroom.

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Attendance Policy

WHS has an attendance policy. Please adhere to it.

Exams, Assignments and Make-up Work

Students are expected to take all exams and give in assigned papers at the scheduled time. Things happen!!! I know that, and can appreciate that, at times, emergencies arise. In case of an emergency, please notify and speak to me.

Classroom Conduct

Please show up on time and be prepared. Put all cell phones away, and leave the classroom before answering any calls. PLEASE DO NOT TEXT MESSAGE IN CLASS. Be respectful of other students and instructor at all times.

Mid-term Exam/Assignment

There will be a mid-term exam or assignment. The mid-term will consist of multiple choice questions, fill-in-the blank questions, OR an essay question assignment. The mid-term will be worth a total of 100 points.

Final Exam/Assignment

There will be a final exam/assignment. The final will consist of multiple choice questions, fill-in-the-blank questions, and short answers or a series of essay questions. The final will be worth a total of 100 points.