

# CJ590E01 Syllabus



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<b>Academic Term &amp; Year</b>	<b>Fall 2019-2020 (Aug - Dec 2019)</b>
<b>Course Prefix &amp; Number</b>	CJ590E01
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Seminar in Comparative Criminal Justice</b>
<b>Time &amp; Location of Class Meeting</b>	Online
<b>Instructor's Contact Information</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Jiabo Liu, Ph.D.
<b>Office Location:</b>	Social Science Building: Office "K"
<b>Office Hours:</b>	Mondays 2:00 – 5:00pm Tuesdays 2:00 – 5:00pm Wednesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm or By Appointment at least 6 hours in Advance
<b>Office Phone Number:</b>	662-254-3368
<b>E-Mail Address:</b>	Blackboard E-Mail & jliu@mvsu.edu
<b>Core Objectives of Criminal Justice Graduate Program:</b>	<p>Upon completion of the graduate program the student should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate an understanding of the core issues and principles governing the operations of the different components of the criminal justice system (Police, Courts and Corrections).</li> <li>2. Analyze the theoretical formulations that explain crime, its prevention and control.</li> <li>3. Apply research methodological skills appropriate for criminal justice research.</li> <li>4. Express knowledge of the discipline through competent writing.</li> </ol>
<b>Course Description</b>	A graduate seminar designed to be a comprehensive study of other criminal justice

	systems, as well as the United States criminal justice systems.
<b>Expected Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify the features of criminal justice systems in international context;</li> <li>2. Understand the principles for criminal justice systems in international context;</li> <li>3. Develop a perspective on criminal justice systems in international context.</li> </ol>
<b>Course Requirements</b>	
<b>Required Textbook(s):</b>	<p>Philip Reichel  <i>Comparative Criminal Justice Systems: A Topical Approach</i> 7<sup>th</sup> Edition          Pearson (2017)          ISBN-10: 0134558987          ISBN-13: 978-0134558981</p>
<b>Technology Skills</b>	Basic computer skills, working within Windows system environment, navigating the internet, and familiarity with E-mail.
<b>Class Attendance Policy:</b>	<p>Each student is required to participate in using Blackboard Communication Tools, taking online exams, and other aspects of Blackboard.</p> <p>You are expected to log in regularly (daily, perhaps several times per day) to submit assignments, check grades, personal messages, and view course materials.</p> <p>Student(s) who fail to participate in the online course during a course week will be deemed absent for that week. The absence will be annotated as <u>absent unexcused</u> (AU), unless the professor has been informed beforehand and deemed the absence as <u>absent excused</u> (AE). The professor shall report all absences to the main campus as required. A student who has not participated for 7 consecutive days regardless if the absences were deemed AU or AE shall be recommended for administrative withdrawal to the main campus. In a traditional classroom just because a student contacts the professor and is excused from a scheduled class meeting does not mean the student is given credit for participation or attendance. The student is still annotated as AU or AE. <b>The online classroom shall be no different in this respect.</b> It is the professor's sole discretion as to what he/she shall consider AU or AE.</p>

<p><b>Submission of Assignments:</b></p>	<p><b>Scheduled assignments MUST be completed and successfully submitted through the Blackboard Assignment Tool</b> (drop box) by due date and time. Assignments automatically become unavailable after the due date/time expires.</p> <p>All assignments MUST be keyed using <b>MS Word</b> or saved as a <b>.DOC</b> or <b>DOCX</b> file and no multiple submissions will be allowed.</p> <p><b>1. DISCUSSIONS</b></p> <p>All discussions are designed as short essays and corresponding scheduled class discussion meetings. Meanwhile, some interactive discussions under the folder of “Discussion Forum” will be assigned.</p> <p><b>Submit all discussion essays as an attached file.</b></p> <p>Topics, Guidelines, and Rubric for discussion essays will be issued separately.</p> <p>The Rubric (Online Discussion Rubric) is applied for all discussion essays.</p> <p>Interactive discussions under the folder of “Discussion Forum” may not be bound by the Rubric but should be clear at least without grammar, spelling, or typing errors.</p> <p><b>Do NOT submit interactive discussion as an attached file.</b></p> <p><b>2. QUIZZES</b></p> <p>All quizzes consist of multiple choice questions.</p> <p><b>Be certain to read ALL pertinent materials prior to taking quizzes. Not doing so will certainly lead to disappointing results.</b></p> <p><b>3. RESEARCH PAPER</b></p> <p><b>Submit Research Paper as an attached file.</b></p> <p>Students are required to write a research paper on a topic addressing issues concerning <b>Comparative Criminal Justice Systems</b>. The paper should fully</p>
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	<p>discuss the issue or topic to the comprehension of a lay person.</p> <p><b>Guidelines &amp; Topics of Research Paper will be issued separately.</b></p> <p>The paper is to follow the APA style. For information on APA style, consult:  <a href="http://www.wisc.edu/writing/handbook/DocAPARefereces.html">http://www.wisc.edu/writing/handbook/DocAPARefereces.html</a>.</p> <p>The research paper must consist of a minimum of 10 different citations from at least 6 different hard-copied academic journals and/or research books in the APA format. It must be <b>10 double-spaced pages</b>.</p> <p>The textbook of this course can be used as a required reference book for this paper.</p> <p>Please note that spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, grammar, and the general content will factor prominently in determining the paper grades. Please note that plagiarism (making intellectual use of material that originated with another author without citing the source) is a serious intellectual offense and will be addressed accordingly, that is to the highest punitively academic degree. Any act of plagiarism may result in an automatic “F” grade.</p>
<b>Make-up Policy:</b>	<p>Make up maybe allowed, depending on the circumstances with an excuse. It is at the professor’s discretion and with students’ request before the deadlines of quizzers, exams, or assignments.</p>
<b>Course Drops/Incompletes:</b>	<p>Students not completing the course for any reason are required to submit official drop notices to the Registrar’s Office prior to the deadline date. <b>This is your responsibility.</b> Failure to comply with the procedure <u>WILL</u> result in your receiving a letter grade of “F”.</p>
<b>Cheating and Plagiarism Policy:</b>	<p>Cheating in any fashion will not be tolerated, including but not limited to plagiarizing another’s words, work or ideas on individual class assignments.</p> <p>To address the situation of plagiarism, the University has implemented <i>Turnitin</i> to fight plagiarism and improve reading, writing, and research skills. <i>Turnitin</i> is a comprehensive plagiarism prevention system that lets faculty quickly and effectively check all students’</p>

	<p>work. Results are based on exhaustive searches of billions of pages from both current and archived instances on the Internet.</p> <p>Plagiarism will result in at least a failing grade for the assignment(s) and/or course.</p>																																
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<b>Technical Problems:</b>	<p>If you experience technical/computer difficulties (<i>need help downloading browsers or plug-in, logging into your course, using your course web site tools, or experience errors or problems while in your online course</i>), contact <b>Presidium Learning, Inc 1-888-383-4709</b> on campus support <b>662-254-3114</b> as well as your instructor.</p>														
<b>Course Access</b>	<p>Access Blackboard course at <a href="http://mvsu.blackboard.com">http://mvsu.blackboard.com</a> or <a href="http://www.mvsu.edu">www.mvsu.edu</a> click on Blackboard for detailed instructions regarding assignments.</p>														
<b>Teaching/Learning Strategies</b>	<p>The primary instructional model for this course is collaborative learning.</p> <p>Specifically, the professor will set course content, course objectives, and methods of classroom assessment. The course will incorporate the following instructional strategies: class discussion, online activities, assigned readings, quizzes, and/or individual projects. Students are encouraged to actively participate in activities, ask questions, and contribute comments for discussion. Students are also encouraged to offer input regarding instructional strategies and assignments.</p> <p>Most importantly, it is students' responsibility to be active learners and to ask for clarification when they have any questions. In order to be successful in the class, it is important that students must read the assigned material, submit assignments and participate in discussions of what they have read. The goal of this approach is to develop a safe learning environment that addresses a variety of learning styles, promotes critical thinking, and fosters creativity.</p>														
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<b>ADA Statement</b>	<p>Mississippi Valley State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with a documented disability. If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Services for Students with Disability Office to obtain this service. Disabilities covered by the ADA may include learning, physical, psychiatric, vision, hearing, or chronic health disorders. Students who are uncertain if their condition/disability is qualified should contact the SSD Office.</p> <p>Mrs. Kathy Brownlow/ ADA Coordinator  Social Science Building Office 105  Phone/e-mail: 662-254-3443, kbrownlow@mvsu.edu.</p>						

### Course Schedule

Weeks	Topics/Readings (Including Related Video Watching) /Assignments	Time
Week 1 (August 26 – 30)	<p><b>Topics:</b> An International Perspective</p> <p><b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 1</a></p> <p><b>Assignment:</b> Class Discussion Essay 1 Due.</p>	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 2 (September 2 – 6) <a href="#">September 2 Labor Day Holiday.</a>	<p><b>Topics:</b> Domestic, Transnational, and International Crime and Justice</p> <p><b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 2</a></p> <p><b>Assignment:</b> Class Quiz 1.</p>	4 Hours (240 Minutes)
Week 3 (September 9 – 13)	<p><b>Topics:</b> An American Perspective on Criminal Law</p> <p><b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 3</a></p> <p><b>Assignment:</b> Class Discussion Essay 2 Due.</p>	3 Hours (180 Minutes)

Week 4 (September 16 – 20) September 16 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses.	<b>Topics:</b> Legal Traditions  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 4</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Quiz 2.	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 5 (September 23 – 27)	<b>Topics:</b> Legal Traditions  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 4</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Discussion Essay 3 Due.	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 6 (September 30 – October 4)	<b>Topics:</b> Substantive Law and Procedural Law in the Four Legal Traditions  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 5</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Quiz 3.	4 Hours (240 Minutes)
Week 7 (October 7 – 11)	Middle-Term Exam Quiz <a href="#">Chapters 1 – 5.</a>	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 8 (October 14 – 18)	<b>Topics:</b> An International Perspective on Policing  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 6</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Quiz 4.	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 9 (October 21 – 25)	<b>Topics:</b> An International Perspective on Courts  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 7</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Discussion Essay 4 Due.	4 Hours (240 Minutes)
Week 10 (October 28 – November 1)	<b>Topics:</b> An International Perspective on Corrections  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 8</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Quiz 5.	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 11 (November 4 – 8) November 8 Last Day to Withdraw from a Class.	<b>Topics:</b> An International Perspective on Juvenile Justice  <b>Required Readings:</b> <a href="#">Chapter 9</a>  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Discussion Essay 5 Due.	4 Hours (240 Minutes)



Week 12 (November 11 – 15) November 15 Last Day to Withdraw from the University.	<b>Topics:</b> International Perspectives on Corrections & Juvenile Justice  <b>Required Readings:</b> Chapters 8 & 9  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Discussion Essay 6 Due.	4 Hours (240 Minutes)
Week 13 (November 18 – 22)	<b>Topics:</b> International Perspectives on Corrections & Juvenile Justice  <b>Required Readings:</b> Chapters 8 & 9  <b>Assignment:</b> Class Quiz 6.  <b>Research Paper – Due on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</b>	33 Hours (1980 Minutes - <b>Research Paper</b> needs at least 30 hours during the period from posting the guidelines to your final submission.)
Week 14 (November 25 – 29)	Fall & Thanksgiving Break  (Encouraging Course Review)	3 Hours (180 Minutes)
Week 15 (December 2 – 6)	Final Exam for Graduating Seniors (Dec 2 – 4)	4 Hours (240 Minutes)
Week 16 (December 9 – 13)	Final Exam Week	4 Hours (240 Minutes)
<b>Total Time: 81 Hours (4860 Minutes)</b>		
<b>Final Comments:</b>	This syllabus is not a contract. It is only a guideline. The professor reserves the right to make changes and additions (depending on the needs and level of the class) to this syllabus at her/his discretion. If changes are necessitated during the term of the course, you will be notified of changes via Blackboard mail.	