Welcome to Juvenile Justice! Course Syllabus – CRJ 231-770

During this course we will be looking at an overview of the nature, extent, causes and control of juvenile delinquency. It will include the nature of the juvenile justice system and the processing of juveniles, including the historical development and the differences from the criminal system. The course will also include a study of the Illinois Juvenile Justice statutes.

The course involves the readings of the text chapters, homework assignments, discussion posts and quizzes. Students are encouraged to access the interesting links provided in the text. The student will benefit greatly by examining as much material as they possibly can.

Instructor Contact Information

I will be checking the discussion area and my e-mail listed below once a day. This will be the preferred method for you to reach me.

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Course Materials
TEXT: Juvenile Delinquency- The Core
EDITION: 4th
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Course Format
This is a 16 week on-line class requiring the student to have knowledge in the use of a computer and participate in, reading assignments, discussion board interactions, on-line research and assignments, written papers, and any other work the instructor feels necessary to reach the course objectives.

Method of Evaluation
WEEKLY HOMEWORK
Each week you will be required to complete homework for the assigned Chapter that will be listed under 'Homework Assignments' under each Chapter. The weekly homework is worth up to 10 points, so it is in your best interest to complete the assignments. MAKE SURE TO USE Word FORMAT WHEN COMPLETING THESE ASSIGNMENTS!! Other wise I will not be able to open up the homework when you drop it in the dropbox!!!

WEEKLY QUIZZES
Each week you will be required to complete a quiz for the assigned Chapter- this quiz will also be located under the 'Weekly Quiz' under each Chapter. The weekly quiz is worth up to 25 points each.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION POSTS

Each week you will be required to post a response to a discussion board question. You will receive 0, 1, or 2 points depending on your level of response, original thought, and information that you provide in your post. - Refer to Class Participation for more information-

(1) Research Paper
You will be required to complete a research paper- the research paper will be explained later in the course.

Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Examples include, cheating on tests, allowing other students to copy your work on a test, and plagiarism which includes; copying another person's actual words without the use of quotation marks or footnotes attributing their source, presenting another person's ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source, using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the source, internet plagiarism by submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the internet without citing the source, and "cutting & pasting" from various sources without proper attribution.
You have been encouraged in this course to collaborate and share information with other students. However, for the online exam you should do your best individual work and refrain from any behavior that would unfairly improve your grade or the grade of another student. Do not share any information about the questions in this exam, your responses, the material covered, the material not covered, or anything else about the exam with anyone, anytime. Failure to follow this policy may result in a failing grade on the exam and potential failure of the course. If you become aware of any abuses to this policy, please contact the instructor immediately.

More information about ECC's academic integrity policy can be found at
http://www.elgin.edu/aboutus.aspx?id=13086

Class Participation /Online Participation
Part of the grade you will earn in this course is derived from your online participation in the Discussion area.