

South Fort Myers High School » Scott Persing B.S. M.S. » Criminal Justice Criminal Justice I,II,III Course Syllabus

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the various careers in all the major areas of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Fields. In addition to this, the students will be provided with the information to develop tools necessary to work and succeed in the Criminal Justice community. The class will be comprised of in-depth group discussion, guest speakers, and field trips, thought provoking individual & group assignments and detailed lectures.

The primary goal of this course is to give those students with a serious interest in Criminology a background as to what this type of lifestyle entails so when they move into the field they will have a competitive edge over their peers.

Course Goals

- Demonstrate an understanding of the jurisdictions and roles of the police, courts, and corrections as well as the participants in the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate the basic skills needed to investigate crime.
- Demonstrate an understanding of general legal principles and their applications to various crimes.
- Evaluate the evidence, list the relevance and identify the crimes described in given case scenarios.
- Define and analyze different types of crimes and their effects on the judicial process and society.
- Explain the effects of crime, in all its forms, on society in general and on citizens delay life.
- Name, describe, and conduct discussions about prime pieces of legislations enacted to target crime.
- Develop a working vocabulary of terms necessary to work in the area of Criminology.

Grading Policy Marking Period Grade Breakdown

Portfolio Assignments – 30%

Class Participation – 30%

Tests /Quizzes – 20%

Class Preparation – 10%

Overall Student Conduct – 10%

Please keep that in mind as we go through the 2014-2015 school year. The marking period grading policy is designed to better enable all students to achieve academic success, given that no one aspect of the course can decide whether you pass or fail a marking period.

Teacher & Student Conduct Policy

While in school, all students, as well as the instructor, must abide by the SFMHS Code of Conduct policies. Since we all strive to promote good citizenship and law abiding behavior, it is essential that Criminal Justice Students act as role models to the rest of the student body on how to be successful by working within "the system"; which is why a student's overall behavior will be factored into their marking period average.

While in class, students, as well as the instructor, must treat other individuals with respect. When participating in class discussions & group activities, students must learn to work through problems and achieve goals through cooperation. On an individual basis, students must learn to work independently

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It is my goal to move towards a truly paperless learning environment. Through the use of email, a focus on activities that utilize technology as much as possible, and the creation of the class website, it is my intention to be environmentally conscience as well as minimizing organizational problems for the students in my class.

Required Materials

- Writing Portfolio (a steady supply of paper – pens and/or pencils. Workout clothes for Friday's.