

**CJ U522 Comparative Criminal Justice
Summer II, 2006
College of Criminal Justice, NEU**

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Course Descriptions:

This summer session will be divided into four interrelated topics: 1) we will introduce issues involving comparative criminological research; 2) we will examine major legal systems in the world through social, cultural and political perspectives; 3) we will explore differences in the organizations and practices of criminal justice in selected nations; and 4) we will highlight major national and transnational crimes and discuss effective intervention strategies.

Course Goals:

- To expand our knowledge base on different criminal justice systems in the world
- To gain better understanding of the U.S. criminal justice system
- To compare and contrast domestic criminal justice policies adopted by different nations
- To probe for effective domestic and international policies in response to transnational crimes

Required Text:

Harry R. Dammer and Erika Fairchild (2006)
Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3rd ed.). Thomson Wadsworth Publishing Co.
(Other reading materials may be assigned and announcement will be made accordingly)

Helpful Web Sites:

<http://www.criminology.fsu.edu/p/cjl-world.php>

<http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~dreveskr/ccjr.html-ssi>

<http://worldatlas.com>

<http://atlapedia.com>

Grading System:

A	100-93	A-	92-90		
B+	89-87	B	86-83	B-	82-80

C+	79-77	C	76-73	C-	72-70
D+	69-67	D	66-63	D-	62-60
F	59 & under				

Evaluation:

1) Exams	60 points (@ 30 x 2)
2) Investigative Report (group)	20 points
3) Quiz	10 points (@2 x 5)
4) Attendance & Class Participation	10 points
	Total= 100 points

Notes:

The format for the exams is a combination of fill-in-the-blanks and short-answer questions. Questions will be based on both the required readings and any materials covered in lectures. An investigative report will be compiled through group work. It should be updated weekly based on the class progress. A group of students will need to work collectively to complete the assignment and present the report to the entire class toward the end of the semester. I will give more detailed instruction in the class.

- o Choose a country
- o Choose one aspect of the criminal justice system (institution, policy, program, crime problem) to focus on
- o Describe and explain how things work in that country with regard to the particular topic chosen
- o Compare and contrast with the relevant U.S. experience, what can we learn from this comparative exercise?

This class will use a mixed lecture and seminar format. I strongly encourage class participation (e.g., asking questions and engaging in constructive discussions).

Class attendance and participation constitute ten percent of your grades. **Two extra points** will be given to students whose attendance rates are among the top 5% of the class. I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me a prior notice when you have to miss one or more classes. I may be able to excuse you for the absence(s) according to my judgment. I have always been reasonable and fair on this. More importantly, I want to make sure that you can catch up with the materials covered in the class you missed. It is ultimately your responsibility to seek help whenever needed.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around to be signed at the end of each class period. It is the student's responsibility to remember to sign the attendance sheet. Students who leave class early without prior permission from the instructor or sleep during the class will be counted as absent.

We observe all written academic policies from the Northeastern University. In addition, please bring to my attention (as early as possible) if you have any special educational needs.

Tentative Class Schedule

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
1	7/5	Course Introduction
TOPIC 1: Comparative Criminological Research		
2	7/6	Why compare? What to compare?
3	7/10	How to compare?
TOPIC 2: Major Legal Families		
4	7/11	The Civil Law Family (Investigative report topic due)
5	7/12	The Common Law Family
6	7/13	The Socialist Law Family
7	7/17	The Sacred Law Family
TOPIC 3: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems and Processes		
8	7/18	Policing
9	7/19	Criminal Procedure
10	7/20	Courts
11	7/24	Sentencing
12	7/25	Corrections
13	7/26	Juvenile Justice
14	7/27	Review
15	7/31	First Exam
TOPIC 4: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy		
16	8/1	Terrorism
17	8/2	Organized crime
18	8/3	International Cooperation
19	8/7	Regional transnational Crime Issues
20	8/8	(Cont.)
21	8/9	Review, and preparation for presentation
TOPIC 4: Group Presentations of Investigative Reports		
22	8/10	Class presentations
23	8/14	Class presentations
24	8/15	Class presentations
25	8/16	Class presentations
26	8/17	Class presentations
27	8/21	Second exam