



COURSE CODE CRIM 504	COURSE TITLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE	ECTS CREDITS 10
DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SCIENCES	SEMESTER SPRING	PREREQUISITES NONE
TYPE OF COURSE COMPULSORY	FIELD CRIMINOLOGY	LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION ENGLISH/GREEK
LEVEL OF COURSE POSTGRADUATE	YEAR OF STUDY 1 st	LECTURER (S) Dr. DIMITRA SORVATZIOTI
MODE OF DELIVERY FACE TO FACE	WORK PLACEMENT N/A	CO-REQUISITES NONE

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The main objective of the course is to acquaint students with the structure, operation and effectiveness of the criminal justice system. The history, organization, and functions of various components of the criminal justice system are examined, and there is a solid overview of the criminal justice process and its multi-disciplinary nature. The course also explores the key areas of the Criminal Justice System, placing special emphasis to human rights, the probation service, sentencing, major problems in criminal justice systems etc.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate reflective understanding of comparative and applied criminal justice
2. Examine the relation between human rights and the models of the criminal process
3. Appreciate the main roles and functions of probation services
4. Evaluate the main aspects of therapeutic justice / jurisprudence
5. Analyze and evaluate alternative forms of sentencing
6. Determine the effectiveness of restorative justice practices
7. Explore the relationship between poverty, crime and justice
8. Consider the way offending and victimization are intertwined and treated by the Criminal Justice systems

COURSE CONTENTS

Introduction to the key agencies – the police, prisons, probation services, the courts, youth justice systems
Definitions and Elements of Crime
Principles and Applications of Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice and Human Rights
Stages of the Criminal Justice Process
Evidence Law
Therapeutic Jurisprudence
Alternative Penalties and Sentencing
Poverty and Justice
Restorative Justice
Offenders, Victims and the Criminal Justice System
The future of Criminal Justice & Crime Control

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS

Lectures, Discussions, Assignments

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / READINGS

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISH ER	YEAR	ISBN
Gaines, L.K. and Miller, R.L.	Criminal Justice in Action, 5/E	Wadsworth	2009	ISBN: 978-0495601609

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS / READINGS

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISH ER	YEAR	ISBN
Frank Schmalleger	Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction, 9/E	Prentice Hall	2011	ISBN: 978-0137069835