



Criminal Law & Justice

Fall Semester 2022-2023

Units

1. Crime & Police
2. Courts & Corrections
3. Relevant Connections-
*Juvenile Justice & Kentucky
Justice System & Mock Trial*



Course Overview

This social studies elective course has been designed to introduce students to the basics of the criminal justice system in America. Students will study criminal law and criminal justice proceedings through traditional and interactive lessons.

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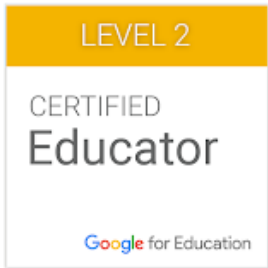
Class Materials

Binder/Folder
- To keep & organize
Notes/Handouts

Chromebook

Bring it everyday- fully charged!

Pencil/Pen



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3rd period planning
10:10-11:10
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Grading Info

Tests, Quizzes, & Projects- 50%

Daily Work- 40%

Participation- Weekly Assignments,
Bell Ringers (daily grade), etc - 10%

Any unexcused absence is a zero

Grading

- Participation- Bell Ringers (daily grade-5 points; should do even when absent to get points); Weekly Reflection Assignments- Monday & Friday (10 pts - should do even when absent to get points); *Bell Ringers will be turned in once a week; Weekly Assignments will be turned in once every 4 weeks.*
- Daily Work- In class assignments that should be made up and turned in within 3 days of an absence (Per ACHS Policy)
- Assessments- Each unit will conclude with an open note test that will be completed individually by students on assigned test day. The test will be comprised of content mastery and concept application. If students have notes and handouts, they will be successful.
 - Students can also expect a topic & vocabulary quiz within each unit (*not open note*).
 - Projects will also account for part of the assessment grade. There will be one each unit.
- The Final Exam will be cumulative and account for 20% of student's grade

Make-Up Work and Late Work Policy:

To find out what was missed after an absence, look on Google Classroom and check the Weekly Agenda. In the absent folder in the room, you will find a copy of any handouts you missed that day with your name on it.

Missed tests and quizzes may only be made up before or after school unless circumstances require otherwise.



**Let's have
a great
semester!**

Daily Expectations

- Be to class on time.
- I dismiss class- do not line up at door. Help clean!
- When you enter class, head straight to the desk and login in to your chromebook & Google Classroom.
- Most classes will begin with a Bell Ringer- start on it as soon as the bell rings. Some classes end with an exit slip- take these seriously.
- Take notes when directed. You do not have a textbook so these are your only resource. Do not lose these. Remember, all unit tests are open note!
- Be mindful of Restroom requests.
- Devices are for class work only. Phones should never be a distraction from work!
- Food/Drink is acceptable until it becomes an issue.
- Respect my property and classroom- do not write on desks, walls, take items from my desk, etc.
- Be kind to each other, Ms. Vasser, and substitutes.
- *Follow Bearcat Pride Expectations! Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready!*
 - *Follow all rules and procedures, use appropriate language, care for school materials, aim for excellence, build up others, always give 100%, honor your commitments, complete daily work, be an active participant, come to class on time and prepared, and embrace challenges and ask questions!*

Syllabus Signature Sheet

Criminal Law & Justice

Ms. Vasser

In this class we will be following the cases of several “true crime” incidents through a documentary we watch on Fridays. These may include, but are not limited to, the following videos that are rated PG-13 or lower: The Case Against Adnan Syed, I love you: Now Die (The Commonwealth v. Michelle Carter), The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez, Making a Murderer, The Staircase, Criminal Minds, Law & Order, Autopsy, Forensic Files, 20/20, 60 Minutes and Dateline.

Parents, by signing below you give your student permission to watch these shows and discuss their content. You also acknowledge that you have read through the syllabus and class expectations.



Parent Signature _____

Students, by signing below you agree to try your best, behave your best, and maintain a positive attitude in class. You also agree to follow class expectations and understand the grading scale.



Student Signature _____
