

Eastern Wyoming College Syllabus  
Criminal Justice 2120 (CRMJ 2120)  
**Introduction to the Criminal Justice System**

Fall Semester 2013  
08/27/13 through 12/13/13  
On-line class  
3 Credits

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Catalog Description:

This course introduces the student to the study of criminal justice. It covers the philosophy and history of law enforcement, the judicial system and corrections. Major issues facing these disciplines are also covered.

Rationale:

Criminal Justice 2120, "Introduction to the Criminal Justice System" is a core course needed to prepare the student for a career in the criminal justice field. It is a required class in both the A.A.S. and A.A. programs.

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a background in the history and philosophy of the American criminal justice system. At the end of this course the student will understand the significance to the criminal justice field of federal and state legislation, important historical events, relationships of sub-groups and systems within the larger justice system, current trends and terminology.

Book:

Schmallegger Ph.D., Frank. *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction 9<sup>th</sup> Edition*. 2012. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Pearson, Prentice Hall

Course Outline:

The text book is divided into five parts... Crime, Policing, Judiciary, Corrections and the Juvenile Justice System to include thirteen chapters. See the course schedule for weekly chapter topics.

Grading:

Exam One.....	100 points
Midterm.....	100 points
Exam Three.....	100 points
Final.....	100 points

Assignments(50pts), participation(50pts).....100 points

500-450 points.....A  
449-400 points.....B  
399-350 points.....C  
349-300 points.....D  
299 or less points.....F

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Communication Skills:** Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning:** Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Technology Skills:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence using technology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Social Awareness:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- **Information Literacy:** Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively.
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### ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

- **ADA Accommodations:**  
Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has a disability and desires a reasonable accommodation for such disability, the student should contact Mrs. Debra Ochsner (532-8238) or Mr. Tom McDowell (532-8330) as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

### DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

- The instructor reserves the right, acting within the policies and procedures of EWC, to make changes in the course schedule or activities. All changes will be announced in class.