



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Extended Campus

College of Humanities & Social Science
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Faculty-Led Study Abroad

CRJ 395-604: Special Topics: Criminal Justice in the United Kingdom
Summer 2019

Prerequisites: Criminology and Criminal Justice Majors, Junior/senior status; AND with permission from the instructor

Credits: 3 Semester Credit Hours (letter graded)

Meeting Times: The study abroad portion of the course will be from May 10th – May 25th 2019. The course will be a condensed class on Canvas that will start May 6th and will continue to May 31st in order to finish assignments. Two mandatory face-to-face pre-departure meetings will be required.

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course is designed to provide students with a general, theoretical, and practical understanding of the criminal justice system in England. Students will use this knowledge to draw comparisons to the criminal justice system in the United States. At the end of the term, students will travel to London where direct contact with practitioners in the English criminal justice system will occur. At that time, the similarities and differences between the two systems will “come to life.”

Over the course of the semester, we will explore the following areas:

- A. The English and their system of government (compared with America)
- B. The extent of crime in England and in the United States
- C. Law enforcement in both countries (history and modern-day organization)
- D. Counter-Terrorism
- E. English criminal law, court organization, and criminal procedure (compared with the United States)
- F. History of corrections in England, modern-day administration, and types of punishments (compared with corrections in the United States)

We will also spend a considerable amount of time discussing the “ins and outs” of traveling abroad. Some portions of the weekly class meetings will explore, but will not be limited to, the following: (1) English culture (and perceptions of Americans); (2) When and how to get a passport (as soon as possible, post office); (3) Things to do and see in and near London; (4) Currency exchange, international calling cards, internet cafes; (5) What to pack (what not to pack); (6) Immigration and customs.

REQUIRED TEXT: Hirschel, David, William Wakefield, and Scott Sasse (2008) *Criminal Justice in England and in the United States, Second Edition*. Sudbury, Massachusetts: Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Discussion meetings: Students will be required to meet after five events to discuss and answer questions related to the assigned readings and study abroad experiences/events/lectures. There will be five discussion meetings; active participation is worth 10 points, for a possible total of 50 points. These discussions will take place during the trip in London at the Café on the main level.

Chapter Outline: Read assigned chapter, and provide a detailed outline for your classmates to study from for the final exam. Be sure to provide as much detail on your outline as you would want from your classmates. When finished email document to professor so it can be uploaded in Canvas for everyone to access. This assignment is due no later than May 17th, two weeks prior to the final exam (50 points).

Exam: There will be one cumulative examination (50 points) that will be administered at the end of the class via Canvas. The test will include true or false and multiple-choice. You must take this exam on the last day of class, the exam will be timed (50 minutes) and there will be 50 questions on the exam (Take exam on Canvas on May 31st). You are responsible to make proper time for this exam, so if stay longer on the trip, you need to find a computer to take the exam on. No final exam make-ups or accommodations will be offered. You must take it on the designated day on Canvas, no exceptions.

Reflective Journal: The major assignment for the class is that all students are required to write a journal about their criminal justice activities in England. The journal must include a comparative analysis of the English and the American criminal justice systems based on information gained through readings, exams, lectures, and experiential meetings. Students may also use materials provided from other criminal justice courses. Journal assignments may also include discussions about the arranged trips to Oxford and Cambridge. This assignment is worth a total of 200 points. Students will work on portions of their journals while in England. Half of the journal assignments will be collected while in London; the remaining journal assignments will be due approximately 1 week after our return. Due dates and requirements for journal assignments will be articulated further on the itinerary that will be handled out prior to departure. This assignment is due prior to departure from London, hand in your journal/email your journal to Dr. Evans.

Attend all scheduled criminal justice activities in England: Students must attend all scheduled criminal justice activities while in England. Students who attend all scheduled visitations will receive 50 points. For each missed activity, 10 points will be deducted from a student’s grade. Attendance at criminal justice activities in England is essential for success in this course.

<u>GRADING:</u>	<u>Possible Points:</u>	<u>Points Earned:</u>
Discussion Meetings (x10)	50	_____
Chapter Outline	50	_____
Exam	50	_____
Attendance in London	50	_____
Reflective Journal	200	_____

Total

400

Your grade will be based strictly upon the number of points you accumulate in this class.

Letter Grade	Raw Points	% of Total Points
A	372 - 400	93 - 100%
A-	360 - 371	90 - 92%
B+	349- 359	88 - 89%
B	329 - 348	83 - 87%
B-	320 - 328	80 - 82%
C+	309 - 319	78 - 79%
C	280 - 308	70 - 77%
D	240 - 279	60 - 69%
F	239 and below	59% and below

To provide an estimate of your grade at any point during the semester, simply divide the total points you have earned by the total possible points at that juncture in the semester. **No opportunities will be given for extra credit. Make-up policy:** It is a student's responsibility to be present and on time for all class meetings. Students who cannot be present for a class must notify professor **PRIOR** to missing class. No make-ups will be given without both prior notification and a verifiable excuse. Make-up exams may differ in format from regular class exams; they may be essay exams. Any student who misses an exam must present his/her excuse to me in order to take a make-up exam. Excluding those with prior notification and excuses, anyone not appearing for class/test/meeting/lecture/London activity will receive a zero for that assignment.

COURSE OUTLINE:

May 10th – Leave for London

Presentations DUE no later than May 12th

May 7th – May 12th

Introductions/Overview of course and expectations/Overview of the trip

The English and their Government

Chapter 2, Comparison to U.S. Government

Extent of Crime in England and in the U.S; **Chapter 4**

Discussion Meeting #1

History of Corrections in England; **Chapter 9**

History of Corrections in the U.S. **Chapter 10**

Discussion Meeting #2

May 15th – May 19th

Modern Day Administration and Type of Punishment

Comparison with U.S. System

Discussion Meeting #3

History of Law Enforcement in England and the United States; **Chapter 5**

Training and Recruitment in England and the United States; **Chapter 6**

Law Enforcement in England Today Comparison with U.S. System

Public Order Policing Emergency Response

Terrorism, Including Domestic Terrorism; **Chapter 11**

Discussion Meeting #4

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English Criminal Law Chapter; **Chapter 3**
The Court System in England; **Chapter 7**
The Court Process/Criminal Procedure Comparison with U.S.
System; **Chapter 8**
Discussion Meeting #5

May 25th Return from London

May 30st Final Exam (take any time during this day – opens on CANVAS)

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