SYLLABUS

**CJ132 INTRO TO PAROLE AND PROBATION**

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**OFFICE HOURS: Before and after class or by appointment.**

**CLASS DAY AND TIME: Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 – 12:50PM.**

**REQUIRED TEXT: Abadinsky, Howard**, Probation and Parole - Theory and Practice

**Pearson Publishing, 12th Edition (2015).**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**:

This course introduces the use of Parole and Probation as a means of controlling felons. It covers the contemporary functioning of parole and probation agencies. By the end of this course students should understand the structure of parole and probation agencies and where it falls within the criminal justice system. Students will also be able to identify the job duties of parole and probation officers and describe modern trends as well as measures of success.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

“A”= 100-90% “B”= 89-80% “C”= 79-70% “D” 69-60% “F”= Below 59%

25% - In class exercises, assignments, and attendance

25% - Research Paper

25% - Mid Term examination

25% - Final examination

Both the Mid-Term and Final examination will be open book /open note. Students can expect an essay style examination.

Students will also be expected to write a 2-4 page (double spaced/12pt. font) research paper on a topic of their choosing and agreed upon with the instructor prior to week 6. Topics could include; Writing a Pre-Sentence Investigation (I have a mock scenario), Parole in Oregon (how it works), “What Works” in Parole and Probation, PO Roles and Responsibilities (law enforcement officer vs social worker). Another popular suggestion is to complete a ride along with local law enforcement or Parole and Probation. Finally, you could take a field trip and attend a probation violation hearing at the courthouse and write up a summary of your observations and thoughts.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Class attendance is essential for success in this class. Since a portion of your grade will be dependent upon in-class assignments and participation, students who frequently miss class will be unlikely to pass.

If you miss an in-class assignment, no make-up will be allowed. Please don’t ask. If you miss a mid-term, or the final, a make-up will be permitted only upon the written demonstration of exceptional circumstances. The instructor shall have the sole discretion to determine if exceptional circumstances existed.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Cheating and plagiarism will automatically result in a grade of ZERO for the assignment involved. As well, the student may be referred to college administrators for adjudication in accordance with college policies regarding cheating and plagiarism

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Feb 2, 2017 – Tour Linn County Jail/Sheriff’s Office (Class meets @ the jail)

Feb 9, 2017 – Research Paper must be approved by instructor

Feb 14, 2017 – Mid-Term Examination

March 9, 2017 – Guest Speaker

March 14, 2017 – Research Paper Due

March 21, 2017 – Final Examination (12:30 – 2:20PM)

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