



## SYLLABUS

### **Summer Session II**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**Contact Hrs: 40**

**Language of Instruction: English**

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Throughout history some behaviors have been qualified as criminal behaviors and societies have found different ways of punishing them. Still, crime is a current issue and states and international institutions have worked unsuccessfully in order to find and provide solutions. In recent times global society has brought tensions between development and poverty to a critical point and responses in general point to the segregation and discrimination of many people and the absolute disregard for human rights. This seminar aims to analyze public policies as well as persons deprived of freedom, and the problem of prisons with special reference to the prison conditions in Latin América and Argentina. This seminar will also involve analysis and comparison of criminal justice systems around the world, and study the structures and differences of those systems.

### Course Schedule:

#### Week 1

- Criminal justice. Concept. Foundations.
- Criminal justice organization around the world
- The criminalization of the homeless and the poor
- Latin American criminal justice system organizations. Criminal policy.

#### Week 2

- Prisoner re-socialization. The situation of prisons in Argentina.
- Public policies on criminal justice
- The problem of insecurity in the world, with special reference to Argentina.

- Visit prisons in Rosario

### **Week 3**

- Juvenile violence and its relation to drugs
- The situation of minors deprived of freedom
- Visit a juvenile detention center
- **Midterm exam**

### **Week 4**

- Organization of the Argentine criminal justice system
- Criminal procedure in Santa Fe Province
- International and comparative criminology
- Visit the Court of Justice. Interview with a judge

### **Week 5**

- Special procedures for the guarantee of freedom. Habeas Corpus.
- The problem of the insecurity. Political and juridical aspects.
- **Final exam**
- Closing of the seminar. Final commentaries.

### **Program Objectives**

Students will be required to read the materials being studied before attending class in order to be prepared to discuss and make proposals on the different issues. They will have to take a midterm and final exam, as well as submit a 6–10 page written paper on a chosen subject.

By the end of the seminar, students should have the ability to compare criminal justice systems of the United States to Latin American criminal justice systems.

#### **Assignments:**

Students will be active participants in class and critical with respect to the assigned readings. Classroom discussion will be encouraged by the instructor and/or guest lecturer.

#### **Format:**

This course will consist of two hour combined lecture, movie and discussion sessions that will take place four days per week during a five week period. Students must successfully complete the midterm and a final exams to pass the seminar. More than three absences will affect a student's grade.

## **Texts**

Case of Mendoza's Jails. Interamerican Court of Human Rights. 2005.

Adam Caine Ortiz. Juvenile Death Penalty: Is it "cruel and unusual" in light of contemporary standards? . <http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/juvjus/cjmag/17-4ao.html>

Karim Ismaili. Contextualizing the Criminal Justice Policy-Making Process. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.2006; 17: 255-269

Ricardo D. Salvatore. Criminal justice history in Latin America: promising notes. <http://chs.revues.org/index960.html>

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