CJUS 5800.900,950: Topics in Criminal Justice - Crime Prevention
Course Syllabus

Instructor: Brooke Nodeland
Term: Fall 2017
Class meeting: This is an online class. Course expectations and classroom policies are outlined in the syllabus below. While students are expected to complete written assignments, participate in online discussions, and online quizzes, there are no on formal on campus meetings for this course which would require a student to come to campus.

Instructor’s Contact Information

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Scheduling meetings during office hours: If you need to schedule a face to face meeting, I am available Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. The primary method to contact me is through email (which is also the method used to schedule meetings). Phone and email messages sent during the weekend or on holidays will generally be answered the following business day.

**Note: Emails sent after 5p or on the weekends will generally be answered the following business day.

Email expectations: When sending an email, please put the COURSE NUMBER (CJUS 5800) in the subject line of the email. Only emails sent from your UNT email account (username@my.unt.edu) will receive a response. Please allow 48 hours of turnaround time (weekdays) for your email and telephone inquiries when contacting either the instructor or the TA. Also, to ensure that you receive timely course related correspondence, make sure your official email address at UNT is forwarded to your preferred email address.

Required readings
The assigned texts listed below is required for all students enrolled in this course. Reading assignments are noted in the Course Calendar. All students are expected to read the assigned chapters prior to the date specified in the Course Calendar. The assigned readings will serve as a foundation for the discussion of the issues in class as well as test material.

Clarke, R. V. G. (Ed.). (1997). Situational crime prevention (pp. 53-70). Monsey, NY: Criminal Justice Press. – this reading can be viewed online


Additional readings are listed in the course calendar.

Course Description
This course is designed to provide an exploration of various methods of crime prevention programs – community crime prevention programs and criminal justice system approaches. The relevant theory and research related to neighborhood efforts at crime prevention, community policing, school crime prevention, and other situational prevention measures will be explored critically. This course aims to provide a foundation for a better understanding of the objectives of various crime prevention efforts, as well as the proven effectiveness of these various strategies.

Goals and Objectives
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Distinguish and discuss primary, secondary and tertiary prevention strategies.
2. Identify current gaps in knowledge about crime prevention strategies in the U.S.
3. Discuss the impact of crime prevention strategies on crime and victimization in the U.S.
4. Identify what prevention strategies are most promising for crime prevention.
5. Identify what prevention strategies are least promising for crime prevention.
6. Identify what areas need more information and research for effective crime prevention efforts.

Technical Requirements/Assistance
The following information has been provided to assist you in preparation for the technological aspect of the course.
UIT Help Desk: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm
Hardware and software necessary to use Bb Learn: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/bblearn/
Browser requirements: http://kb.blackboard.com/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=84639794
Computer and Internet Literacy: http://clt.odu.edu/oso/index.php?src=pe_comp_lit
Necessary plug-ins: http://goo.gl/1lsVF

Minimum Technical Skills:
This is not a computer skills course and as such, students are expected to have a minimum skill set in order to access course materials and complete course assignments. Specifically, students should
know how to access a Web site when given an address, use the features of their Web browser, download files, attach files to emails, use word processing software, copy and paste …etc.

**Access and Navigation**

**Access and Log in Information**
This course was developed and will be facilitated utilizing the University of North Texas’ Learning Management System, Blackboard Learn. To get started with the course, please go to:  
[https://learn.unt.edu](https://learn.unt.edu)

You will need your EUID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your EUID or have forgotten your password, please go to:  

**Student Resources**
As a student, you will have access to:
- Student Orientation via Blackboard Learn. It is recommended that you become familiar with the tools and tutorials within the Orientation to better equip you in navigating the course.
- Blackboard’s [On Demand Learning Center for Students](http://ams.unt.edu). It is recommended that you become familiar with the tools and tutorials to better equip you to navigate the course.
- From within Blackboard, you will have access to the “UNT Helpdesk” tab which provides student resources and Help Desk Information.

**Course Organization**
Course notes for each section can be accessed within the Course Content link. Discussion boards can be accessed through the Discussions link and will be used to submit discussion and participation posts. Quizzes can be accessed using the Quizzes link. Your final paper will be submitted using the Final Paper Submission link. Scores for individual assignments can be located under the My Grades link. In addition to viewing your scores, clicking on scores for a specific assignment will allow you to view individualized feedback for that assignment when available. Finally, the Course Calendar located at the end of the syllabus provides a breakdown of reading and assignment due dates for the course.

**First steps**
Upon entrance into the online classroom, students should spend some time navigating course materials and links to ensure they are able to locate all required materials. After the student has reviewed the syllabus and course materials, students will be required to post an introduction in the Discussion forum and complete a Course expectations quiz.

**Student Support**
The University of North Texas provides student technical support in the use of Blackboard and supported resources. The student help desk may be reached at:
Email: helpdesk@unt.edu
Phone: 940.565-2324
In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130
Regular hours are maintained to provide support to students. Please refer to the website ([http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm](http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm)) for updated hours.
**Method of Evaluation**

As this is an online class, students must be prepared to take responsibility for their own learning. Students should be prepared to complete assignments and discussions with little direction beyond that provided in the syllabus and individual assignment instructions.

**Quizzes:** Students will complete a total of 4 quizzes throughout the semester worth a total of 100 points or 25 points each. Quizzes can be accessed through the Quiz tab in Blackboard. Module quizzes will be available for 30 minutes upon opening the quiz and must be completed in one attempt – so make sure you have a reliable internet connection and are ready to complete the entire quiz when you open it. (Technical issues will only be considered in extreme circumstances, once per semester and can only be evaluated by the instructor. Note technical difficulties, such as losing internet connection on the night the quiz is due do not warrant a quiz reset or constitute an extreme emergency.) Quizzes will consist of 25 randomly selected questions from any chapter covered in the module. Questions that have not been answered at the end of 30 minutes will receive 0 points. Quizzes are individual assignments and should be completed in private and not in the company of any other student. Quizzes may consist of multiple choice, true/false, matching, short answer questions, and/or essay. While course materials may be referenced during the quizzes, students should treat these quizzes as they would an in class exam and prepare accordingly. Quiz grades will be available following completion of the quiz – correct responses to quiz questions will be available after the quiz availability period has ended. As such, questions regarding your quiz score should only be sent to the instructor after the correct responses have posted and you have had a chance to review them.

*There are no makeup or late submissions of quizzes for any reason.* Correct responses become available immediately after the quiz closes. A quiz not completed by the due date and time cannot be reset, made-up, extended for any reason.

**Discussions:** During the dates specified in the course outline, students will participate in a Blackboard discussion 3 times during the semester. Each student will then respond appropriately to the question or instruction statement provided, creating his/her own “original thread” (at least the equivalent to 3-5 pages). After creating an original thread, students are required to respond to at least 2 of their fellow classmates’ original threads. To earn points, discussion and participation comments must be more than trivial and, in fact, substantial and substantive (think of these as the discussion you would engage in if we had an on campus class). Reaction discussions are worth a combined total of 150 points or 50 points each. You will be required to comment and support your views from the research that is provided to you as well as appropriate outside academic references. Grammatical errors as well as weak and unsupported comments will be deducted in points. In text citations and a list of references should be included with each post, discussion and participation, in APA format. Students must respond to the discussion question in order to unlock that week’s discussion and enable the ability to respond to others’ posts. Discussion posts will be typed and submitted directly in the text box in Blackboard. Discussions submitted as attachments will not be accepted and will receive a score of 0. Discussions will be evaluated and returned within 1 week of the assignment due date.
*Quizzes and discussions will be available on the dates outlined in the syllabus for the duration of each module. They will become available on the Monday morning starting the module and will close at 11:59p on Sunday nights at the end of the module.

**Final project:** Students will complete a final paper due at the end of the semester. Specific instructions will be provided in Blackboard during week 9, but in general, it will give students an opportunity to communicate their ideas in writing and to synthesize the diverse concepts and positions presented in the various readings and outlines. The final paper will constitute 50% of the student’s course grade and be worth a total of 100 points. The final paper should be approximately 20-25 typed pages in length, double spaced, 12pt font and saved as a Microsoft word document. Students should keep up with their readings and take copious notes as they progress through the assigned course readings. The final paper will be submitted through the appropriate link in Blackboard—again, more detailed instructions will be provided when the final paper assignment is released. Upon successful completion of the final paper, students will have met weekly and course learning objectives. The final paper will be evaluated and returned within 2 weeks of the assignment due date.

There are no late submissions of any assignment so plan accordingly.

*Do not* plagiarize (from the internet or other source) – if you do you will automatically fail the assignment and possibly the course. Do not just quote sections from other researchers as your answer. The reaction discussions and final paper must be written in your own words and 100% original to this course. If you are going to cite someone, write the sentence in your words and cite them in APA format.

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Course grades will not be rounded and will be calculated using the following scale:

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*There are no extra credit opportunities for this course.

**Grade related questions or concerns must be addressed within 1 week of the grade being posted to Blackboard.

**Attendance Policy**

As this is an online course, there are fixed deadlines on assignments that students must meet in order to receive up to full credit for completed assignments. Students are expected to log in to the course daily to review course assignments, due dates, and check announcements, etc.
Students may complete their work early and, in doing so, have a large amount of flexibility in completing their assignments. However, while work can be completed early, all assignments must be submitted by the due date listed in the course calendar in the syllabus. Students that have fallen behind, are failing and/or choose to not complete the coursework for the semester are responsible for officially withdrawing themselves from the course; failure to do so will result in a performance grade of "F". Last day to withdraw with a grade of “W” is November 6, 2017.

**Classroom Policies**

Students are expected to log in to Blackboard daily to check Announcements or changes to the course. Missing deadlines as a result of not frequently checking Blackboard will not be an excuse for late work submission.

No late submissions are accepted for any reason. Assignments are generally available for at least a week, as such, there are no extensions for last minute technical difficulties or unexpected events. As this is an online class, students are expected to use their time wisely and complete assignments within the availability period. Time management is an important skill both in terms of academic performance as well as in a professional environment. If a student will be out of town on vacation, work related travel, etc., the student should plan accordingly to complete any assignments prior to being out of town. Requesting exceptions to this policy is unfair to other students who complete assignments within the required time period.

Any assignment submitted in a format that the instructor cannot open, for any reason, will receive a score of a 0 regardless of when the assignment was submitted. Follow individual assignment instructors for formatting and submission expectations. Students should be careful to submit assignments as attachments, unless specifically instructed, as this increases the likelihood an assignment will not be visible to the instructor.

Grade related questions or concerns must be addressed within 1 week of the grade being posted to Blackboard. Quiz grades post immediately with correct responses available after the quiz close date. Students should email the instructor with quiz questions after they have reviewed the correct responses within one week of the grade being posted. Questions related to the quiz will not be answered while the quiz is still available. Do not wait until the end of the semester or half way through the semester to ask questions about previous assignments. Students are expected to stay on top their grades as well as their course standings and ask questions in a timely manner.

Final grades are determined based on the point total listed in the syllabus. There is no rounding. Students should do their best on each assignment and submit all completed assignments on time to maximize their performance and earned point total for the course.

*Online Discussion Expectations*: While this is an online class, we will engage in online discussions in which individuals may have strong opinions regarding course related topics. Our online classroom is a collaborative environment in which every student should feel comfortable expressing ideas, opinions and engaging in thoughtful discussions. Students will respect the views and opinions of others at all times; name-calling and personal attacks are not permitted. Students engaging in disruptive or disrespectful behavior in the classroom will be given one warning through an email from the instructor. A second violation will result in the student being locked
out of future discussions eliminating their ability to either participate in future discussions or earn additional discussion points for the course.

A Grade of “Incomplete” (“I”): An Incomplete Grade ("I") is a non punitive grade given only during the last one-fourth of a term/semester and only if a student (1) is passing the course and (2) has a justifiable and documented reason, beyond the control of the student (such as serious illness or military service), for not completing the work on schedule; and (3) arranges with the professor before the end of the semester to finish the course at a later date by completing specific requirements that the professor must list on the grade sheet. All work in the course must be completed within the specified time (not to exceed one year after taking the course). If you do not meet the specifications for this grade, you will need to see the Registrar’s office about resigning from the University.

Being a Successful Online Student
-What Makes a Successful Online Student?
-Self Evaluation for Potential Online Students

Academic integrity
Standards of academic integrity are expected with regard to any course related work or submission. Students should consult the UNT website for questions, guidelines, appeals, and other information related to these policies:
http://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/untpolicy/pdf/7-Student_Affairs-Academic_Integrity.pdf

Academic violation of UNT policy consists of the following:

A. Cheating. The use of unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:
   1. use of any unauthorized assistance to take exams, tests, quizzes or other assessments;
   2. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments;
   3. acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic materials belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University;
   4. dual submission of a paper or project, or re-submission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor;
   5. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage on an academic assignment.

B. Plagiarism. Use of another’s thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student’s intent, including but not limited to:
   1. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement or citation.
   2. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in selling term papers or other academic materials.

C. Forgery. Altering a score, grade or official academic university record or forging the signature of an instructor or other student.
D. Fabrication. Falsifying or inventing any information, data or research as part of an academic exercise.

E. Facilitating Academic Dishonesty. Helping or assisting another in the commission of academic dishonesty.

F. Sabotage. Acting to prevent others from completing their work or willfully disrupting the academic work of others.

Any violation of academic integrity will be handled on a case-by-case basis. At a minimum, the student will receive a zero on the assignment in question, but more serious academic violations may be subject to the assignment of a failing grade for the course. Please do not hesitate to contact the instructor with questions related to citations or other academic integrity concerns.

Resources

Links to Academic Support Services, such as Office of Disability Accommodation, Counseling and Testing Services, UNT Libraries, Online Tutoring, UNT Writing Lab and Math Tutor Lab can be located within Blackboard Learn on the “Academic Support” tab. UNT Portal: http://my.unt.edu

UNT Blackboard Learn Student Resources: Technical Support: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/

UNT Library Information for Off-Campus Users: http://www.library.unt.edu/services/facilities-and-systems/campus-access

UNT Computing and Information Technology Center: http://citc.unt.edu/services-solutions/students

UNT Academic Resources for Students: http://www.unt.edu/academics.htm
Computer Labs: General access computer lab information (including locations and hours of operation) can be located at: http://www.gacl.unt.edu/

Student Evaluation of Instruction (SPOT)

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction (SPOT) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester to provide you with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Student feedback is very important to UNT, please complete your SPOT (Student Perceptions of Teaching) survey during the open evaluation time.

ADA Statement and Disabled Student Policy

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of
accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

**Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses**

*Federal Regulation*
To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website at http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov. The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at "Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f)(6)(i)(G)" and can be found buried within this document: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/get-cfr.cgi?TITLE=8&PART=214&SECTION=2&TYPE=TEXT

The paragraph reads:
(G) For F–1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F–1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

*University of North Texas Compliance*
To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student’s responsibility to do the following:
1. Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
2. Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email internationaladvising@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

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Course Calendar and Topics
Students are responsible for keeping up with the schedule, any schedule changes as well as the assigned readings as we progress through the course. This is a tentative schedule and the instructor reserves the right to modify any part of the schedule at any time throughout the semester. All assignments must be submitted by 11:59p Central time on the date listed below. *Late submissions are not accepted.*

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Reading: Module 2 - Chapter 4  
| Week 4 | 9/18-9/24 | Topic: Neighborhood crime prevention  
Reading: Module 2 - Chapter 5  
| Week 5 | 9/25-10/1 | Topic: Displacement and diffusion  
Reading: Module 2 - Chapter 6  
| Week 6 | 10/2-10/8 | Topic: The mass media and crime  
Reading: Module 2 - Chapter 7  
| Week 7 | 10/9-10/15 | **Topic:** Developmental crime prevention  
**Reading:** Module 2 - Chapter 8  
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| **Week 8** | **10/16-10/22** | **Topic:** General deterrence  
**Reading:** Module 2 - Chapter 9  
**Assignments due:** Module 2 quiz due 10/22 11:59p |
| **Week 9** | **10/23-10/29** | **Topic:** Prediction for secondary prevention and situational crime prevention  
**Reading:** Module 3 - Chapter 10 and 11  
| Week 10 10/30-11/5 | **Topic:** Partnerships for crime prevention  
**Reading:** Module 3 - Chapter 12  
**Assignments due:** Discussion 2 due 11/5 11:59p |
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| Week 11 11/6-11/12 | **Topic:** Drugs, crime and crime prevention  
**Reading:** Module 3 - Chapter 13  
| Week 12 11/13-11/19 | **Topic:** The school and crime prevention  
**Reading:** Module 3 - Chapter 14 |


Assignments due: Module 3 quiz due 11/19 11:59p

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**Assignments due:** Discussion 3 and Module 4 quiz due 12/3 11:59p

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**Topic:** Some closing thoughts on crime prevention and the future

**Reading:** Module 4 - Chapter 17


**Assignments due:** Final paper submission due 12/10 11:59p