Course Description:
This course provides general knowledge about causes of crime; an understanding of the underlying purpose of law enforcement; and the role of the police officer, courts, penal institutions, probation and parole in present day life. Historical information as well as current trends in the Criminal Justice System will be explored.

Part of the goal for this course is to present material within a context which is consistent with MNU’s evangelical Christian values tradition.

Text:
American System of Criminal Justice, Cole/Smith, 11th edition. Current research and other resource materials will also be included in the course content.

Evaluation Procedures:
Examinations will consist of multiple choice, and true false style questions. A total of four examinations will be given covering class lectures, class discussions, audio visual presentations, and any additional assignments. Each test carries the same weight, including the final. The final IS comprehensive/take home.

For a make-up test, the student must provide a proper reason and make arrangements to take the test no later than 2 days following the date scheduled for that particular test. If the student does not notify the professor prior to the test, the instructor has the option of downgrading the test score. Extra credit is not an option.

Summary/reaction papers will be required after audio visual presentations. Summary/reaction papers combined will equate
to one test score. Papers will be at least one page, **w/title & date of video**, typed, double spaced, and due by the next class meeting. Students will lose one point for each day the paper is late. Approximately 10 videos will be shown.

**Community Service:** Students will be required to critically observe and participate in some function of the Criminal Justice system and provide a written report. These reports may be used for class discussion and evaluation. Each will be worth 100 points. Written reports are due **no later than Monday, December, 1st**.

All summary/reaction papers and Community Service papers will be submitted electronically via BlackBoard Digital Drop Box. Students will use *Word* document format. Any necessary corrections will be sent back to the student to complete.

**Discussion:** During power point lectures a series of questions will be posed for quick discussion (**Pop the Question**). Students are strongly encouraged to participate.

**Academic Honesty:** Refer to the student handbook.

**Citizenship:** In order to enhance the classroom learning environment, students are expected to display appropriate levels of respect and courtesy. Unacceptable behavior and any disruption will result in a 5% deduction of overall percentage points.

**Special Needs:** Students needing special accommodations for this class should notify the professor during the first 2 weeks of the course.

**Grade Weight:** Four tests=100pts each, Community Service=100 pts, Reactions papers=100 points total.

**Test Dates:** *Friday, Sept. 19th*
*Wednesday, Oct. 15th*
*Friday, November 14th*
*Final-Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 8-9:50.*

**Absences:** Students will be allowed 3 unexcused absences before the last 2 weeks of the semester. A 4th unexcused absence will result in 4 percentage points being deducted from the overall average. Unexcused absences thereafter will result in at least 2 percentage points deducted.
During the last 2 weeks of the semester, the penalty doubles for any unexcused absence.

*My Prayer for Students...John 17:15*