

**Course Number:** CJ 4800

**Course Title:** Comparative Criminal Justice System

**Course Description:**

The course examines the United States criminal justice system and the criminal justice system of other nations. Using a descriptive approach, the four primary components of criminal justice systems of a number of nations will be studied and compared and contrasted with those same components in the enforcement structure; the judicial system include: sources and principles of law; the law enforcement structure; the judicial system; and, corrections. The course is a required capstone course for students in the pre-law major that integrates an understanding of all of the components of the U.S. criminal justice system by comparing and contrasting those components with those components of other nations.

**Prerequisites:** Senior Standing.

**Credit hours:** 3

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the benefits of an international perspective of criminal justice systems.
2. Distinguish between international crime and transnational crime.
3. Identify various types of international crimes.
4. Distinguish between substantive law and procedural law.
5. Explain the characteristics and principles of substantive criminal law.
6. Distinguish between legal traditions and legal systems.
7. List the four (4) contemporary legal traditions.
8. Compare and contrast adversarial and inquisitorial criminal justice systems.
9. Understand the system for enacting criminal laws under various justice systems.
10. Compare the law enforcement structure of various criminal justice systems.
11. Contrast the function of courts and court personal in various criminal justice systems.
12. Compare the corrections systems in other nations.

## CJ 4800 – Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

### Online Course Syllabus

#### Instructor Information

Please see Professor Profile at the Blackboard instructional site.

#### Course Schedule

Please see Course Schedule in the Course Syllabus area of the Blackboard instructional site.

#### Online Course Policies

All of the online courses taken by students are required to follow the policies posted online at <http://online.indianatech.edu/tech-policies/policies/>. Please review the posted policies carefully. If you are unable to abide by the policies listed, please contact the Warrior Information Network (WIN) at 888.832.4742 and request to withdraw from this course.

#### Textbook

Reichel, P. L. (2013). *Comparative criminal justice systems: A topical approach* (6th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

#### Grading Events & Grading Criteria

**Unless otherwise specified, all assignments must be submitted via Blackboard**

#### Grading and Evaluation:

Following are the values for various grading events and the grading scale:

Course Preparation Quiz	15 Points
Discussion Board (Week 1, 2, 4)	100 Points
Project One (Law Enforcement)	150 Points
Project Two (Criminal Law)	150 Points
Exam One	100 Points
Exam Two	100 Points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>615 Points</b>

#### Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used to assign a grade at the end of the course:

A	90-100%
B	80-89.99%
C	70-79.99%
D	60-69.99%
F	59.99% or below

## Late Assignments

All assignments and required online activities are due according to the deadline listed in the course schedule. Granting deadline extension is the course instructor's autonomy.

## Incompletes

If you are unable to complete the requirements for this course due to extenuating circumstances, an Incomplete grade (I) may be granted if you meet the general guidelines stated below.

General Guidelines for submitting a course incomplete request:

- More than 50% of the course session has elapsed.
- The student has encountered an unexpected situation that is beyond his or her control.
- The student is
  - in good academic standing -- up-to-date on all of the course assignments and has at least an overall passing grade,
  - able to complete all of the remaining coursework within a session (5 weeks for a undergraduate course and 6 weeks for a graduate course) that immediately follows the session the student is currently enrolled, and
  - able to provide support documentations to substantiate the need for extra time should a session is not enough to complete the course requirements.

If an Incomplete is granted, the instructor will set a deadline for all work to be completed. **The deadline cannot go past one (1) session.** All incomplete grades and deadlines are subject to approval by the designated University authority.

## Course Related Communication

Online courses are conducted in an accelerated format. Timely communication is very important. When receiving emails from your classmates or instructor, please respond as soon as you can.

Students are REQUIRED to use their Indiana Tech email account for all course related communication. The most direct, and effective, way to email your course instructor, and classmates, is by using the Send Email function from the Blackboard course site. When you use the Send Email function, you automatically receive a carbon copy of the email you sent. In the event when you need to substantiate your claim that you did email your classmates or instructor, you can show that carbon copy to the person(s) who requested it.

Please note that Blackboard only permits you to send email, it does not provide you with the check email function. All of the emails your classmates and instructor sent to you will be delivered to your Indiana Tech email account. You are strongly encouraged to check your Indiana Tech email account regularly, preferably several times a week, to minimize the likelihood of miscommunication.

The University policy requires each online course instructor to respond to a student's email within 24 hours. Unless there is an extraneous situation that prevents the instructor from following this rule, you can expect to hear from the instructor within 24 hours. If you don't receive a reply within 24 hours, please do not hesitate to follow up with another email or forward the carbon copy of the email you sent to [OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu](mailto:OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu) with a note "Please help. It's been 24 hours and I have not heard from my instructor" and the University support staff will act on your behalf to contact your course instructor.