

WELCOME!

This course is going to move fast – we have 10 weeks to cover 16 weeks worth of material. **Each week you will watch a couple of online lectures** that you will access in Brightspace, you will read from the text, you will have a couple of quizzes most weeks, and you will post in the Discussions.

It is easy to forget to log in and post in the Discussions and take the quizzes each week; it is easy to forget to take a test; it is easy to wait until the last minute to finish your paper and then have it post late. Set an alarm in your phone that reminds you to hand in your work BEFORE the due date.

**The secret to getting an A in this class** (according to students who have gotten A grades in my courses):

- 1) study with someone else in the course and even take tests together – it takes longer, but you end up with improved scores;
- 2) read the online reading materials more than once before taking the tests – the more familiar you are with the readings, the easier it is to respond quickly to quiz and test questions as both are timed;
- 3) read the guidelines for the paper very carefully as listed in the syllabus – I have everything there you need to get an A grade on your assignment;
- 4) take tests and quizzes on reliable computers with excellent Internet connections – you will be less likely to get kicked off.

**What you should be doing now:**

- 1) Go to the Syllabus - this is where the schedule is located. Get to work on the first reading assignment from:

Larry K. Gaines, Roger LeRoy Miller, *Criminal Justice in Action: The Core* (2022) 11th Ed. ISBN# 978-0357630785

- 2) Go to the Discussions - introduce yourself to the class. This is extra credit and follows the same format as Discussion posts so it's good practice.

- 3) Go to the Lessons - watch/listen to the first lecture on Chapter 1, be looking for the Discussion questions for the first chapter in the lecture, post your Discussion response for Chapter 1 and take your first quiz for Chapter 1.

EMAIL ME YOUR QUESTIONS – I RESPOND VERY FAST EVEN AT NIGHT AND ON WEEKENDS!

A little about your professor:

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