

JUS610 Justice Administration Policy Formulation & Analysis (3 credit hours) Course Syllabus

Course Description

Details the research and planning process leading to the formulation of policy to guide criminal justice agencies and practitioners, including the introduction and practice of skills necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of policy in police, court, and corrections agencies. Participants research, develop, and evaluate policies that affect criminal justice practice.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- 1. Recognize how policy is applied to criminal justice.
- 2. Evaluate a model necessary to collect policy-related information.
- 3. Integrate the accreditation concept, and its application, to policy (CALEA and ACA).
- 4. Write a critical analysis comparing the strengths and weaknesses of policy strategies.
- 5. Formulate policy.
- 6. Write a plan to ensure policy compliance from all affected employees.
- 7. Propose policy to address court mandates.
- 8. Write case briefs for controlling cases on critical policy.

Required Textbook(s) and Resources

Welsh, W., N., & Harris, P., W. (2016). *Criminal justice policy and planning:* planned change (5th Edition). Routledge.

Be sure to also review the weekly **Explore** sections for additional library or web resources. For access to databases, research help, and writing tips, visit the <u>Tiffin University Library</u>.

Time Commitment

Effective time management is possibly the single most critical element to your academic success. To do well in this online class you should plan your time wisely to maximize your learning through the completion of readings, discussions, and assignments. Because of our accelerated, seven-week term, TU online courses are designed with the expectation that you dedicate a little over **six (6)** hours per credit hour to course activities and preparation **each week**. For example, for successful completion of a three-credit, seven-week online course you should reserve roughly **twenty (20) hours per week**.

To help plan your time and keep on track toward successful course completion, note the distinctive rhythm of assignment due dates:

- 1. All times assume Eastern Time (GMT-4).
- 2. Weeks begin at 12:00 a.m. ET on Monday and end at 11:55 p.m. ET on Sunday.
- 3. Unless otherwise noted, initial assignments or discussion posts are due by 11:55 p.m. ET on Wednesdays.
- 4. Additional assignments or follow-up discussion posts are due by **11:55 p.m. ET** on **Saturdays, and**
- 5. Major assignments and reflections are typically due by 11:55 p.m. ET on Sundays.

Grading and Points Distribution

The chart below identifies the individual contributions from each type of activity per week.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Total
Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	
Activity 1.1 (n/a)	Activity 2.1	Activity 3.1	Activity 4.1	Activity 5.1	Activity 6.1	Activity 7.1	
Activity 1.2	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(45)	405
(30)	Activity 2.2	Activity 3.2	Activity 4.2	Activity 5.2	Activity 6.2		495
Activity 1.	(45)	(45)	(45)	(45)	(45)		
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Assignments	Assignments	Assignments	Assignments	Assignments	Assignments	Assignments	
Activity 1.3	Activity 2.3	Activity 3.3	Activity 4.3	Activity 5.3	Activity 6.3	Activity 7.2	
(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)	Final Project	505
						(115)	
140	140	140	140	140	140	160	1000

Grading Scale

A: 90-100% | B: 80-89% | C: 70-79% | F: <69%

Course Schedule and Weekly Checklist

Topic	Learning Activities (Due by 11:55 p.m. ET on day designated)			
Start Here	☐ MON: Activity 1.1: Course Anticipation - Initial Post			
Week 1: Defining policy problems and goals Historical analysis of the problems Conducting a literature review/inquiry	 WED: Activity 1.1: Course Anticipation - Secondary Post WED: Activity 1.2 Discussion: The Importance of a Policies and Procedures - Initial Post FRI: Activity 1.3 Discussion: Exploring Topics for Week 7 Paper - Initial Post SAT: Activity 1.2 Discussion: The Importance of a Policies and Procedures - Secondary Post SAT: Activity 1.3 Discussion: Exploring Topics for Week 7 Paper - Secondary Post SUN: Activity 1.4 Assignment: Literature Review 			
Week 2: Defining policy problems and goals Stakeholders McGrath Model	 WED: Activity 2.1 Discussion: The McGrath General Model - Initial Post FRI: Activity 2.2 Discussion: Framing Your Critical Policy Topic - Initial Post SAT: Activity 2.1 Discussion: The McGrath General Model - Secondary Post SAT: Activity 2.2 Discussion: Framing Your Critical Policy Topic - Secondary Post SUN: Activity 2.3 Assignment: Critical Policy Draft 			
Week 3: Case laws and legal decisions Legal briefs	 □ WED: Activity 3.1 Discussion: Claims of Negligence - Initial Post □ FRI: Activity 3.2 Discussion: Legal Brief Outline - Initial Post □ SAT: Activity 3.1 Discussion: Claims of Negligence - Secondary Post □ SAT: Activity 3.2 Discussion: Legal Brief Outline - Secondary Post □ SUN: Activity 3.3 Assignment: Patriot Act Essay 			

	WED: Activity 4.1 Discussion: Accreditation Bodies - Initial Post
Week 4:	 FRI: Activity 4.2 Discussion: Accreditation Standards - Initial Post
Implementation of accreditation	 SAT: Activity 4.1 Discussion: Accreditation Bodies - Secondary Post
standards	 SAT: Activity 4.2 Discussion: Accreditation Standards - Secondary Post
	SUN: Assignment 4.3: Formation of Law Enforcement Essay
	WED: Activity 5.1 Discussion: Monitoring Plans - Initial Post
Week 5:	☐ FRI: Activity 5.2 Discussion: Your Monitoring Plan - Initial Post
Monitoring plans Policy review	 SAT: Activity 5.1 Discussion: Monitoring Plans - Secondary Post
	 SAT: Activity 5.2 Discussion: Your Monitoring Plan - Secondary Post
	☐ SUN: Activity 5.3 Assignment: Monitoring Plan
	☐ WED: Activity 6.1 Discussion: Case Study - Initial Post
Week 6:	□ FRI: Activity 6.2 Discussion: Case Study Policy Review - Initial Post
Monitoring case law Implications of court	 SAT: Activity 6.1 Discussion: Case Study - Secondary Post
cases	□ SAT: Activity 6.2 Discussion: Case Study Policy Review - Secondary Post
	☐ SUN: Activity 6.3 Assignment: Civil Service Policy
Week 7:	WED: Activity 7.1 Discussion: Post-incident Policies - Initial Post
Current technology	☐ THUR: Activity 7.2 Course Project: Critical Policy
issues	 SAT: Activity 7.1 Discussion: Post-incident Policies - Secondary Post

Tips for Success

Successful online learning requires a good deal of self-discipline and self-direction. As seekers of the truth, we should be willing to challenge and review one another's academic work in a spirit of respectful comradery and constructiveness. Your course is a place for you to stretch and grow as you benefit from the expertise, knowledge, experience and diverse perspectives of your instructor and peers. Constructive feedback will challenge you to stretch your own thinking, thereby expanding your knowledge, understanding and application.

To get the most out of your learning experience, you should actively engage (participate) in **ALL** course activities. Course elements are arranged chronologically. To complete a week, simply work your way "down the page" through all of the course materials and activities.

For More Information:

Be sure to review the Support, Policies, and Procedures addendum.