

CRJU 2700 American Criminal Courts Reading List		
Week No.	Module Topic	OER Reading Materials
1	Overview of Criminal Courts	<p><b>Readings:</b> <u>Overview of the U.S. Justice System (pp. 6-16)</u>; <u>The Wedding Cake Model of Justice</u>; <u>Due Process and Crime Control</u>; <u>Sources of Law</u></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <u>Creation of the Court</u></p>
2	Federal & State Courts	<p><b>Readings:</b> <u>Federal and State Courts pp.18-55</u>; <u>State &amp; Federal Courts</u>; <u>Structure of the courts</u>; <u>Dual Court System</u>; <u>Standards of evidence</u>; <u>Problem Solving Courts</u></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <u>The Power of the Supreme Court</u></p>
3	Prosecutors & Defense Counsel	<p><b>Readings for Prosecutors:</b> <u>Prosecution in America pp.1-15</u>; <u>Prosecution &amp; Defense (Section 5.2)</u>; <u>Courtroom Players = Prosecutors (Section 7.9)</u>; <u>Prosecutorial Misconduct</u>; <u>SCOTUS Blog (Prosecutorial Immunity)</u>; <u>Prosecutorial Discretion</u></p> <p><b>Readings for Defense Attorneys:</b> <u>Courtroom Workgroup - Defense Attorneys (Section 7.10)</u>; <u>The Right to Counsel</u>; <u>BJS - Types of Indigent Defense</u>; <u>Due Process Right in a Criminal Case</u>; <u>ABA Standards for Defense</u></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <u>You Have the Right to Remain Silent</u></p> <p><b>Case Examples:</b> <u>First Prosecutor Jailed for Brady Violation</u> and <u>Mike Nifong – Duke Lacrosse Case</u></p>
4	Judges	<p><b>Readings:</b> <u>Courtroom Players: Judges and Court Staff (Section 7.8)</u>; <u>About Federal Judges</u>; <u>Judicial Ethics (pp. 80-89)</u>; <u>Judicial Selection &amp; Diversity in the Judiciary</u>; <u>ABA Code of Judicial Cannons</u></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <u>Judicial Independence</u>; <u>The First Woman on the Supreme Court</u>; <u>Justice for Sale</u></p> <p><b>Case Example:</b> <u>Errant Judges (Kids for Cash Scandal)</u></p>

5	Arrest, Bail & Arraignment	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">Pretrial Process (Section 5.3)</a>; <a href="#">Measuring Crime &amp; Victimization (pdf)</a>; <a href="#">Pretrial &amp; the Criminal Trial (pdf)</a>; <a href="#">Ways Criminal Charges are Filed</a>; <a href="#">What Happens at Arraignments?</a> <a href="#">Common Types of Bail</a>; <a href="#">Injustice of Cash Bail System</a></p>
6	Plea Bargaining	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">BJS Research on Plea Bargaining (pdf)</a>; <a href="#">Pros and Cons of Plea Bargaining</a>; <a href="#">The Consequences of Plea Bargaining</a></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <a href="#">The Plea</a></p>
7	Disclosing and Suppressing Evidence	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">Understanding Discovery</a>; <a href="#">Discovery-US DOJ</a>; <a href="#">What is the Brady Rule?</a> <a href="#">Brady Rule &amp; Violations</a>; <a href="#">The Exclusionary Rule</a>; <a href="#">Exclusionary Rule Examples</a>; <a href="#">Search Warrants &amp; Exceptions</a>; <a href="#">Miranda Warning Anniversary</a></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <a href="#">Brady Violations (Vice News)</a> and <a href="#">You have the right to remain silent</a></p> <p><b>Relevant Caselaw:</b> <a href="#">Brady v. Maryland</a></p>
8	Jury Trials	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Trial &amp; the Constitution (Ch. 5)</a>; <a href="#">Elements of a Criminal Trial (Section 5.4)</a>; <a href="#">When Jury Trial Right Applies</a>; <a href="#">Burden of Proof &amp; Presumptions (Section 2.4)</a>; <a href="#">Summary of the Rules of Evidence</a>; <a href="#">ABA: Steps in a Trial</a>; <a href="#">Jury Selection Process (Voir Dire)</a>; <a href="#">The CSI Effect</a></p> <p><b>Videos:</b> <a href="#">Trial by Jury: What's the Big Deal?</a> and <a href="#">NPR Podcast on The CSI Effect (6 mins)</a></p>
9	Sentencing	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">Theories of Punishment (Section 2.5)</a>; <a href="#">Sentencing &amp; Forms of Punishment (Section 5.5)</a>; <a href="#">Death Penalty Information Center (pdf)</a>; <a href="#">Death Penalty &amp; the Constitution</a>; <a href="#">Racial Justice &amp; the Death Penalty</a></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <a href="#">Broken on All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration, and New Visions for CJ</a></p> <p><b>Relevant Caselaw:</b> <a href="#">Furman v. GA</a>; <a href="#">Gregg v. Georgia</a>; <a href="#">Coker v. GA</a>; <a href="#">Atkins v. VA</a>; <a href="#">Roper v. Simmons</a></p>

10	Appellate Courts	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">The Appeals Process (Sections 7.6 - 7.7)</a>; <a href="#">US Courts - Appeals Process</a>; <a href="#">About the U.S. Courts of Appeal</a>; <a href="#">About the U.S. Supreme Court</a>; <a href="#">Causes of Wrongful Conviction</a></p> <p><b>Video:</b> <a href="#">An Inside Look at Appellate Courts</a></p>
11	Juvenile Courts	<p><b>Readings:</b> <a href="#">Ch. 10 Juvenile Courts (Read all sections 10.1 - 10.11)</a>; <a href="#">Youth in the Justice System</a>; <a href="#">ABA on Juvenile Courts</a></p> <p><b>Videos:</b> <a href="#">Girl Trouble: Teenage Girls and the Juvenile Justice System</a>; <a href="#">Solving the Youth Crime Problem</a> and <a href="#">PBS on Juvenile Justice</a></p> <p><b>Relevant Caselaw:</b> <a href="#">Roper v. Simmons</a>; <a href="#">In re Winship</a>; and <a href="#">In re Gault</a></p>