

Spring 2018 – Thursday 6:17 – 7:30 – (MeI)

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Attendance:

Successful completion of this course requires attendance at all class meeting and satisfactory attendance in the court placement. If you have a conflict with a class, visit, or seminar, you must inform the instructor at least two weeks in advance so alternative arrangements can be made. An excused absence is acceptable if a documented medical or family emergency prevented your attendance.

Participation:

Simply put, if you are not in attendance, you are unable to participate. Each of us is expected to participate actively in each class meeting and guest seminar. That means coming to class having done the assigned readings and with questions to discuss.

This 10-page paper enables you to connect the things you learned during community visits, discussions in class and seminars, and in the readings assigned. In this paper, you are also required to draw from outside research to support your thesis. This is an opportunity to academically explore a criminal justice issue while also applying your experiences and reflections from community involvement. The goal is to encourage use of what you see in our community to deepen the relationship between community engagement and scholarship.

Though the final draft of this paper is due at the end of the semester, you will be turning in a outline midway through the term. By sharing your writing and thoughts with the instructor and your peers, you will gain valuable feedback that can inform the way you finish your work. We will discuss further details of this paper in class. The due dates for the Synthesis Paper are as follows:

February 8: Annotated bibliography that includes 3 sources drawn from outside the required course reading

March 8: Outline of Synthesis Paper

April 19: Final draft of Synthesis Paper

The three components of your Synthesis Paper count for 25% of your final grade

During the class's scheduled exam time you will be giving a presentation of your final paper and final thoughts on the class material. The requirements for this presentation are as follows:

Presentation will be

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Week 1: Course Overview, Juvenile Behavior and Crime
January 18

Review www.nycourts.gov to gain familiarity with the NY State Court System in preparation for class

Week 2: Reflection & Learning
January 25

April 26	
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