Project

Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments will not be accepted for credit without prior agreement.

Students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades. Students are encouraged to review their progress during Office Hours or by appointment no later than Week Eight (Wednesday, March 15th) and periodically throughout the semester during office hours and/or by email appointment.

Classroom Protocol

Attendance/Punctuality

Our class is offered completely online with no designated day/time meeting pattern. However, students are

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Students are assigned reading, writing and research assignments during class and as reflected below.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	January 25	Introductions/Course overview; Syllabus, Class, Project, Assignment &
		Examination formats; The Social Construction of Crime: Conflict &
		Consensus; Profile: Immanuel Kant (1724 - 1804) & The
		Enlightenment Outlook; Natural Law & Limits of the Criminal Law; In
		a Time Before Cops; Felonies & Misdemeanors; Criminalizing Thought;
		Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime
		Reporting (UCR) Program; Exercise: What is the most significant
		contemporary problem impacting the justice system in the United States
		today? In what ways is gun violence related to the dark figure of crime?
2	January 30 & February 1	Assignment #1 (DUE 2/1); Policy & Control: Bloody Codes &

9 March 20 & 22 Review Assignment #4; Fear: Budget Priorities & the Fear-Victimization Paradox; Sanctuary Policy Jurisdictions & Scapegoating the Undocumented; Pelican Bay & Solitary Confinement; Read Chapter 8: Juvenile Superpredators The Myths of Killer Kids,

Dangerous Schools, and a Youth Crime Wave (pgs 235-269) & Profile: Carmen Best (1955-); Exercise: Does social media perpetuate or prevent criminal behavior? In ways will a commitment to education