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Politics of Crime and Punishment

Office Hours, MF 8:30-9:30, W 10:30-11:30

Grade Breakdown:

Midterm I: 15% (2/17)

Midterm II: 20% (3/30)

Final: 25% (May 4, 3-5 PM)

Attendance: 10%

Quizzes: 15% (moodle)

Paper: 15%

Important dates:

1/13: Classes begin

1/18: Martin Luther King Holiday

1/22: Final day to drop courses without receiving a grade of W (4:30 pm)

1/25: Final day to add courses or make section changes

1/25: Final day to petition for grade exclusion policy

2/8 and 2/10: Mardis Gras Holiday

2/17: Midterm I

3/15: Mid-semester grades

3/20 through 3/27: Spring Break

3/30: Midterm 2

4/4: Final date to request scheduling a final exam if three exams are scheduled over 24 hours

4/4: Final date to drop courses

4/4: Final date to resign from university

4/27: Concentrated study period

4/30: Classes end

5/2-5/7: Final exams

5/10/11 final grades due

Tentative Schedule

- 1/15-1/20-1/22: ancient law, Code of Hammurabi
- 1/25-2/1: Colonial law, crime and punishment; Puritans, Salem Witch trials, blue laws, change in crime as the nation expands westward.
- 2/5-2/15: 19th century pre-war and post-war criminal law, reconstruction, lynching, lead up to Prohibition.
- 2/19-2/26: Protest, World War I, prison development, treatment of the disabled
- 2/29-3/4: Protest, World War II, Depression, McCarthyism
- 3/7-3/18: 1960s through early 1990s, drug politics
- 3/28-4/11: Police ethics, variance, frisking issues, grand jury systems
- 4/13-4/15: Named laws, mandatory sentencing, three strikes
- 4/18-4/29: capital cases, historical perspective