

**Habeas Corpus and Other Post-Conviction Remedies**  
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**CLASS POLICIES AND GRADING**

**Class Schedule**

Class will meet on Mondays from 3:05 to 5:30 p.m. with the exception of Fall Break, when there is no class. During the semester, it may become necessary to reschedule class sessions from Mondays to another day of the week due to trial work or other reasons. If a class is to be rescheduled, we will select a date that is convenient for the majority of the class members. We will not reschedule a class without giving you at least one week's notice.

**Attendance**

Attendance at all class sessions is required. If you must miss a class, please notify the instructors in advance and speak with another student to exchange class notes.

We will excuse no more than two absences. Students who miss more than two class sessions can expect to have their overall grade dropped by half a letter (i.e. from an A- to a B+).

**Class Participation**

Class participation is expected from each student. Given the small nature of the class, we believe that students who participate by asking and answering questions, stating opinions, and challenging each other will gain more from the class than those who merely observe.

**Grading**

Grades will be based upon two criteria, each to be weighted equally:

1. For 10 of the 13 weeks of class, students will be expected to submit a one page journal by email to the professors. Weekly journal responses are due to the professors before class meets the following Monday. The journal topics will coordinate with the weekly reading and will not generally require any additional research or investigation. Please do not include case citations, footnotes, or other notes to your journal responses. The responses are meant to be informal and will largely be based on your opinions about the criminal justice system.

We will distribute 12 journal topics, one for each week past the initial class. However, you are only required to submit 10 responses. You may choose which 2 weeks' topics you ignore.

2. A final examination will be given on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The exam will consist of both multiple choice questions and essays.

## **Policies for Written Material**

Journal papers should be double-spaced on 8-½ by 11 inch paper using a twelve-point font. The student's name and the date the paper is submitted should be contained in the upper right-hand corner of the first page. No footnotes, endnotes, or citations are necessary.

For the Journals, the student may submit either a hard copy of the paper at the beginning of the scheduled class *or* may email a copy to [jkinsley@sirkinpinales.com](mailto:jkinsley@sirkinpinales.com) prior to that time.

## **Contacting the Instructors**

Contact with your instructors during the week is encouraged. We will do our best to make ourselves available to you to answer questions, follow up on classroom discussion, and review class material.

We can be reached as follows:

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If you wish to meet with us in person at our office, please contact our secretary, Patty Dahlenburg, at 721-4876 to schedule an appointment.