

**CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE
SOCIOLOGY 318
Moravian College
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RESOURCES: Joel Samaha, Criminal Justice, 7th edition, Thomson Wadsworth, 2006.
Steven Philips, No Heroes, No Villains, Vintage Books, 1978.
Additional material will be provided throughout the semester.

OVERVIEW and GOALS: This semester, we will study the criminal law. I find it to be of great interest, and hope that you will find it of at least passing interest as well. Students will learn what behaviors have been deemed criminal, and understand how our society responds to such conduct. Students will learn how the police carry out their law enforcement function in a free society. Students will understand how allegations of criminal conduct are prosecuted and defended. Students will learn the typical consequences for those found guilty. Students will also become familiar with the rules of evidence and how they frame the investigation and prosecution of criminal acts.

ATTENDANCE: Since each evening class meeting is the equivalent of an entire week of day class meetings, attendance is vital to the learning process. Therefore, students are urged to attend classes regularly. Since students are responsible for all material covered in class, not merely what is contained in the required resources, students who attend class regularly usually perform better on the evaluation instruments. Also, to encourage regular attendance, I have implemented the following policy. I will lower the semester grade by one-third (A- to B+, B to B-, etc.) for any student who has more than three absences. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet during every class.

EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS and GRADING

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| 1. Quiz Average (3) | 25% |
| 2. Mid-term examination | 20% |
| 3. Book Review and Presentation | 20% |
| 4. Final examination | 30% |
| 5. Participation | 5% |

EVALUATION INSTRUMENT GUIDANCE:

1. Quizzes-The quiz format will be primarily short answer questions, which may include definitions, lists, etc. There will NOT be any true/false or matching questions.
2. Mid-term and Final examinations – The examination format will be primarily essay and short answer questions.
3. The Final examination will contain material covered throughout the entire semester, however, the emphasis will be on material covered after the Mid-tem examination.
4. The Book Review and Presentation information will be distributed separately.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: The College’s Academic Honesty policy can be found in the Student Handbook. Students are required to comply with this policy.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND AGENDA Occasional modifications may be necessary.

- 8-30: Introduction and Opening Discussion
- 9-06: Samaha Chapter 1
No Heroes, No Villains Author’s Note – Chapter 4
- 9-13 Samaha Chapter 2
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 5-10
- 9-20 **QUIZ Samaha Chapters 1-2, No Heroes, No Villains Author’s Note – Ch. 10**
Book Review Selections Deadline
Samaha Chapter 3
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 11-14
- 9-27 Samaha Chapter 4
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 15-17
- 10-04 **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**
Samaha Chapters 1-4
No Heroes, No Villains Author’s Note – Chapter 17
- 10-11 Samaha Chapter 5
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 18-20
- 10-18 **BOOK REVIEW AND PRESENTATIONS**
Samaha Chapter 6
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 21-22

- 10-25 Samaha Chapter 7
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 23-24
- 11-01 **QUIZ Samaha Chapters 5-7, No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 18-24**
Samaha Chapter 8
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 25-27
- 11-08 Samaha Chapter 9
No Heroes, No Villains Chapter 28
- 11-15 **QUIZ Samaha Chapters 8-9, No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 25-28**
Samaha Chapter 10
No Heroes, No Villains Chapters 29-30
- 11-22 **No Class – Thanksgiving Recess**
- 11-29 Samaha Chapter 13
No Heroes, No Villains Chapter 31 – Aftermath
- 12-06 Samaha Chapter 15
Closing Discussions

Final examination to be scheduled by the College.