SCCJ
CRIM 1000
FRESHMAN SECTION
INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE SEMINAR
International Village 16
Fall Semester 2014
Tuesdays 11:45

Syllabus

Course Description:
The Introduction to College seminar is designed to enhance academic success by helping students adjust to college life and to become fully acquainted with the resources and services offered by the University. Students will also develop strategies and skills designed to prepare them for the challenges they will encounter during their first year of college. Assigned readings, written assignments, speakers, team building exercises, community service activities emphasize critical thinking and reflection. The seminar topics were selected to enable students to become successful both personally and academically.

Course Requirements:

Attendance: Class Attendance is mandatory. After one absence, students will lose one letter grade for each additional absence. No student will be admitted after class begins.

Participate actively: To succeed in this class, you must choose to stay focused and involved in every class, offering you best comments and questions. This is a seminar class – active discussion is expected of all students. Respect: You will be exposed to a variety of viewpoints, values and opinions that may differ from your own. All students in this class should feel comfortable enough to participate actively and express their viewpoint comfortably. You are an important part of creating an atmosphere that makes that possible.

Assignments: Assignments must be completed on time and typed. Note: You are responsible for all assigned work when absent from class.

Mandatory Activities: Students are required to participate in Laser Quest on September 20th. CJ Faculty presentation: October 22nd. This described in the syllabus and will be discussed in class.

Grades: Final grades will be determined in the following way: Papers/NEUMe Project—40%, homework-10%, attendance and class participation—50%.
“You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might find, you get what you need.” **Mick Jagger**

“Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.” **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

“Learning what to choose, and how to choose, may be the most important education you will ever receive.” **Shad Helmstetter**

- **Tuesday, September 9th**
  **Introducing ourselves and college/course requirements**
  Welcome to the Intro to College seminar! Today we will preview the course syllabus and cover important information about the upcoming semester. Lots of handouts! Fill out “goals” form and self-addressed envelopes.

- **Tuesday, September 16th**
  **The Center of Community Service**
  The Center of Community Service supports Northeastern’s long tradition of service to the Boston community. The Center aims to encourage greater connections between community service and academic study, and to increase participation of individuals and groups in service activities. It provides a central place for receiving information, providing resources and posting referrals for community service and service-learning opportunities.

- **Saturday, September 20th**  **THIS IS A MANDATORY EVENT!!!**
  **Laser Quest Event**
  We will meet at 7:45am at the cul-de-sac on Forsyth Street outside of Ruggles T stop. The buses leave at 8:00am sharp! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Lunch will be provided.

- **Tuesday, September 23th**
  **The Criminal Justice Outcome Assessment Survey**
  The Student Outcome Assessment was developed by the SCCJ to provide faculty and administrators with an indication of the goals, expectations and attitudes of students as they progress through CJ program. Students participate in the assessment in their freshman, sophomore and senior years at Northeastern. The responses from the assessment are used to help the College evaluate how well it is meeting the needs and expectations of students.
• **Tuesday, September 30th:**
  **Study Abroad & Dialogues of Civilization**
  Experience the world while enriching your college education! Studying abroad gives students an opportunity to learn about themselves, see other cultures, practice language skills, develop better communication skills and incorporate classroom knowledge into real life experiences. An Ambassador from the Office of International Study Programs will present study abroad options and answer your questions about arranging an international educational opportunity.

• **Tuesday, October 7th**
  **Snell Library/ Electronic Database Workshop**
  The Libraries’ mission is to provide access to information for all students and faculty. Whether you are doing research for a term paper, writing a short story, or looking up industry norms, the librarians’ goal is to enable researchers to find and utilize information. During this session you will learn how to choose the right database for your research, the basics of searching our online catalog (NuCat), how to identify scholarly articles, and how to create a successful search.

• **Tuesday, October 14th:**  NO CLASS!

• **Wednesday, October 22th:**  THIS IS A MANDATORY EVENT!
  
  *Noon, 200 Churchill Hall (Lunch Provided)*
  Presentation: "Understanding Dating Violence: Why It Happens, How We Can Help"
  CJ Professor: Carlos Cuevas

• **Tuesday, October 28th**
  **Group Activity/Discussion: YouTube Video**
  How to Register- Using your Degree Audit

• **Tuesday, November 4th:**
  **CJ COOP**
  During this session the CJ coordinators will answer your questions about co-op and discuss opportunities available through the Criminal Justice COOP program.

• **Tuesday, November 11th:**  NO CLASS! Veteran’s Day

• **Tuesday, November 18th**
  Wrap Up!
Northeastern Final Exam Week- December 5 – 12th — Good Luck!

You are just about to complete your first semester at Northeastern University! We’ll wrap up the seminar by gathering your thoughts about CJ, addressing any lingering questions, and looking ahead to spring semester.

**Very important:** The NU final exam schedule is not flexible. **Do not** make travel plans until you know your final exam schedule which can be found on Registrar’s website or myNEU.

**NUMe Project:**
**Due: December 5th**

Reflect on your first semester at Northeastern. What activities did you participate in? Did you make new friends? Tell me your story! Create a **PowerPoint**, (20 slides) of your semester. Include photos you took throughout the semester. **BE CREATIVE!!!!**

What was the best thing that happened to you all semester? What was something you would change, if you could? Most importantly, what did you learn from your experiences?

You may email me your project or drop it off at my office (204 CH).

**NO LATE PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!!**