Administrative Unit: History and Social Sciences

Course Prefix and Number: HIST 345

Course Title: Crime and Punishment in England

Number of: Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: This course explores the role of crime and punishment in English legal history. Students will look at the law as an important social, political, and economic phenomenon which is intertwined with many historical forces. Readings will include primary and secondary texts on such subjects as the Magna Carta, crime and punishment, common law tradition, Constitution, the jury system, the role of police, prison reform, prostitution, and changing philosophies toward crime. The focus of the course will be interdisciplinary and students will be encouraged to think about English legal developments from political, economic, religious, psychological, and philosophical perspectives.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): A previous 100- or 200- level history course.

Text(s): A required text must be assigned and supplemented with a minimum of two recommended texts. Additional primary and secondary sources may be assigned as well:

Required:


Recommended:


Peter Linebaugh, *The London Hanged: Crime and Civil Society in the 18th Century*


Course Objectives:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of major themes within England’s legal system.
2. Students will identify and characterize significant historical factors which contribute to patterns of change and continuity.
3. Students will analyze primary documents within a historical framework.
4. Students will evaluate the changing role of crime and punishment as compared to changing social, economic, and political philosophies.
5. Students will examine the relevance of sex, class and race to the factors of crime and punishment.
6. Students will write a historical research paper which utilizes primary texts, an original argument, historical analysis, and proper Chicago documentation.

Topical Outline:

1. Law and History
2. Common Law and Constitution
3. Jury, Police and the Courts
4. Crime, Class, and Gender
5. Prison Reform
6. Philosophical contributions
7. Criminal motivation
8. Governmental policy
9. Reconstructing the Criminal
10. Criminal Justice

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35
Library Resources  

Online journal databases are available from off-campus through a proxy server. The URL for the proxy server is http://proxy.ccis.edu/####. The pound signs are replaced by the current proxy number. Directions for setting up your computer to use the proxy can be found at http://www.ccis.edu/departments/library/ocresources/html.

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NOTE: The intention of this master course syllabus is to provide a general outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught, or where it is taught. This generic outline is not intended to restrict the way any individual faculty member teaches the course. The master syllabus, therefore, should be general enough to allow for a diversity of individual approaches to teaching the course, while at the same time providing guidance on what the course should cover.