



### Teaching Evaluation Data: General Trends

Range: 1-5 (1=strongly disagree/low; 5 = strongly agree/high)

	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2017
	Criminology	Intro – CJ	Intro – CJ	Soc. Imagination
Question	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean
The course objectives were clear	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6
Intellectual challenge of the course	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6
The instructor provided clear lectures	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.5
The instructor was knowledgeable	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0
The instructor was enthusiastic	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
The instructor provided feedback	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.4
The instructor was fair in grading	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.6
The instructor covered course objectives	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.7
<b>Overall rating of instructor</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>

### Teaching Evaluation Data: Anonymous Qualitative Excerpts

(replicated exactly as written by the students)

#### Fall 2015 – Criminology

I really love this topic, and had a great time learning more about criminology throughout this course. Professor Leon was amazing! He was really enthusiastic, engaging, approachable, and relatable. I loved the integration of outsource sources (readings) and movies into the course. The guest lectures were amazing and kept things interesting. I loved writing the papers for class and thought that they really helped me in becoming a better writer.

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The professor was well spoken, engaging, and well-prepared. The content was very interesting and presented well. The writing assignments reinforced the material, and the exams were comprehensive and fair.

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The lectures were excellent, well prepared and very organized. The readings were very interesting. The documentaries were excellent and very helpfull for conecting theory and practice. The assignments were helpfull to facilitate learning and understand the course related materials.

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You do a great job of relating to the students through current trends of our generation. (I.e.; using the “Hit the QUAN” picture on the final).

**Spring 2016 – Introduction to Criminal Justice**

Professor Leon's lectures were very informative and it was clear that he knew the subject very well.

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This class was excellently taught and the use of films (both documentaries and fictional dramas like Serpico) helped enhance the learning process.

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This class was interesting and well taught, I found myself very interested in the subject despite it only being a Social Science requirement that doesn't apply to major.

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Engaging, interactive, and a positive environment; Prof. Leon is so nice and spirited!

**Spring 2017 – The Sociological Imagination**

The course provides a strong overview about the field of sociology, its history, and real-world applications where one can analyze issues through a sociological example. The course does a good job of incorporating current information/news (podcasts, daily news) with the theories and history we also read. Professor Leon also does a good job in mixing lecture slides with class discussion on different topics. I also felt the midterm exam was fair- you needed to study to do well but the professor did not make it in a way to trick students unfairly or anything.

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I enjoyed the amount of discussion during class. I also liked the 6-part project that we completed throughout the semester. Choosing a topic a learning so much about it was fun and the way the project was broken into pieces made it very manageable.

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I found the course difficult, mostly because I think the material is just out of my comfort zone- I had a difficult time understanding themes, not because it was presented poorly but because it's just not the kind of material that comes easily to me. The uses of multiple examples and discussion-driven classes really helped me understand a lot of the material better.



List of Courses Taught by Semester

**The Sociological Imagination**

Spring 2017  
Summer 2016 (1)  
Summer 2016 (2)  
Summer 2015

**Introduction to Criminal Justice**

Spring 2018  
Fall 2017  
Spring 2017  
Fall 2016  
Spring 2016 (1)  
Spring 2016 (2)  
Spring 2016 (3)  
Spring 2015

**Criminology**

Spring 2018  
Fall 2017  
Fall 2015

**Sociology of Law**

Spring 2018

**Special Topics: Criminal Justice Reform**

Summer 2017

**Advanced Seminar in Criminal Justice**

Spring 2014

Spring 2017, SOC 1003 Intro to Criminal Justice Section 12  
 Instructor: Leon, Kenneth (Primary)

There were: 69 possible respondents.

Question Text	N	Top Two	My Avg	SOC Avg	SOC SD	Div Avg	Div SD	Gen Ed Req	Maj/Prog Req	Interest	Instructor	Fits Schedule	Advisor Rec	Friend Rec	Other					
1 Primary reasons for taking course	60							20%	27%	87%	32%	30%	2%	25%	2%					
								Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Completely - 5	N/A							
3 Covered objectives	55	100%	4.8	4.7	0.7	4.6	0.7	0%	0%	0%	18%	82%	0%							
								Lectures	Discussions	Clickers	Activities	Homework	Labs	Project/Folio	Teamwork	Presentations	Guest Lecturers	Fieldwork/Trips	Writing	Other
4 Contributed to learning	61							95%	59%	31%	16%	74%	2%	7%	0%	0%	56%	0%	44%	11%
								Yes	No											
6 Academically prepared	61	87%	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.9	0.3	87%	13%											
								1 Hour Or Less	1-2 Hours	3-4 Hours	5-6 Hours	7-8 Hours	9-10 Hours	11-13 Hours	13-15 Hours	15+ Hours				
7 Time on coursework outside of class	61							2%	34%	57%	5%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%				
								Memorizing	Applying Basic	Synthesizing	Judgments	Applying New	Solve Problems	Thinking	Teamwork	Reading	Presentation	Lab	Writing	Other
8 Significant aspects	60							78%	82%	45%	62%	47%	7%	52%	0%	30%	0%	0%	40%	2%
								Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Very - 5	N/A							
10 Intellectual challenge	60	56%	3.6	3.7	0.9	3.9	0.9	0%	13%	30%	42%	13%	2%							
								Little - 1	2	3	4	Lot - 5	N/A							
11 How much learned	60	93%	4.6	4.3	0.9	4.2	1.0	0%	0%	7%	27%	67%	0%							
								Str Disagr - 1	2	3	4	Str Agr - 5								
12 Did best work possible	60	80%	4.2	4.1	0.9	4.1	0.9	0%	3%	17%	37%	43%								
								Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Great Deal - 5								
14 Increased understanding/crit thinking	58	79%	4.2	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	0%	3%	17%	34%	45%								
								Poor - 1	2	3	4	Excellent - 5								
15 Overall rating of course	59	93%	4.6	4.3	1.0	4.2	1.0	0%	2%	5%	29%	64%								
								Not Clear - 1	2	3	4	Very Clear - 5								

18	Objectives clear	60	93%	4.7	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.9	0%	0%	7%	20%	73%							
									Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Very Effect - 5							
19	Effective exams	60	88%	4.4	4.1	1.0	4.1	1.1	0%	0%	12%	38%	50%							
									Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Great Deal - 5							
20	Enhance writing	60	30%	3.2	3.2	1.3	3.2	1.3	7%	13%	50%	18%	12%							
									Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Very Effect - 5							
21	Effective assignments	59	86%	4.4	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	0%	2%	12%	31%	56%							
									Not Clear - 1	2	3	4	Very Clear - 5							
22	Clear lectures	59	90%	4.5	4.3	1.0	4.3	1.0	0%	2%	8%	32%	58%							
									Yes	No	Already Dec	Senior	Grad Student							
23	Add'l Soc dept classes	59							68%	17%	10%	5%	0%							
									None - 1	2	3	4	Lot - 5	N/A						
24	Service learning	25	80%	4.2	4.0	1.4	4.1	1.3	0%	0%	4%	8%	8%	80%						
									Not Clear - 1	2	3	4	Very Clear - 5							
25	Online lessons clear	10	60%	4.2	4.2	1.2	4.2	1.2	0%	0%	40%	0%	60%							
									Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Very - 5	N/A						
27	Knowledgeable	60	100%	4.9	4.8	0.5	4.7	0.7	0%	0%	0%	12%	88%	0%						
									Low - 1	2	3	4	High - 5	N/A						
28	Enthusiasm	59	97%	4.8	4.7	0.7	4.6	0.8	0%	0%	3%	17%	80%	0%						
									Str Disagr - 1	2	3	4	Str Agr - 5	N/A						
29	Treats students with respect	60	98%	4.9	4.8	0.6	4.6	0.8	0%	0%	2%	8%	90%	0%						
									Not Fair - 1	2	3	4	Very Fair - 5	N/A						
30	Fair grading	59	98%	4.8	4.6	0.8	4.4	1.0	0%	0%	2%	17%	81%	0%						
									Not At All - 1	2	3	4	Excellent - 5	N/A						
31	Feedback	60	97%	4.8	4.5	0.9	4.3	1.0	0%	0%	3%	15%	80%	2%						
									Poor - 1	2	3	4	Excellent - 5							
32	Overall rating of instructor	59	97%	4.7	4.5	0.9	4.3	1.0	0%	0%	3%	20%	76%							

Text Responses

If you selected 'other' as a primary reason, please comment.

Prereq for sociology of the law

If you selected 'other' as a teaching method, please comment.

Films assigned outside of class, video clips used

Movies

Film

Videos for homework and responding to those video.

Film Responses

watching documentaries

film reviews

If you selected Other as significant aspect of effort, please comment.

Film watching and responses

Use this space for comments on strengths of the course.

Great use of supplemental videos to further the learning of students.

Overall very interesting. Professor made everything easy to understand.

Movies were very helpful for developing an understanding of the topics in question.

professor leon

Loved the professor. Very smart and relatable and presented material in an understandable way.

Professor is one of the best, he really wants you to learn and helps out the students very much, also he tried to teach the students in a way that students can understand easier and participate

Witty professor, easy readings

A good amount of interesting topics were covered

Provides a great deal of information about the wide subject area

I REALLY ENJOYED THIS CLASS. It convinced me to become a criminal justice minor. It was very engaging and interesting. A lot of material, but simplified which I liked.

I think the videos contributed to a real-life understanding of how CJ issues affect the lives of people. The film assignments definitely make the issues come to life and add a great deal to the course.

Very nice power points, concise and straight to the point. Agendas are followed, assignments are clear and study guides are followed.

I really enjoyed the film responses.

Incorporating documentaries into the course really helped reinforce what we were learning.

Very interesting topic and the film assignments were very helpful

good course liked the teaching style

The movie responses were a great way to supplement and reinforce in class learning and provided a fun outlet for homework.

I loved Professor Leon's sense of humor during the lectures and incorporation of class discussion.

Connection between lecture and reality

He gave us a lot of good and diverse info about the CJ system

Interesting lectures film responses were enjoyable and I learned a lot through them

The lectures were clear and easy to follow the inclusion of video assignments was a great way to engage with material Test reflected material covered and expectations were always clear the special topics were engaging and applicable great way to do an introductory course - challenging and engaging without being overbearing or extremely difficult
very interesting and applicable
The films really helped me learn in a new way and were very interesting. The content that we covered was intriguing and I was rarely bored in class
My favorite part of class was watching the documentaries because they really helped shed light on important social issues in our society today, and I feel I am a better citizen having learned about these issues. Having the powerpoint slides during the lectures help a lot, and the examples Professor Leon really makes it easier to understand what we are learning.
Professor Leon's passion and knowledge on the topic of criminal justice shines through his lectures and through his class in general. He posed interesting ideas and questions throughout the semester, which not only kept students engaged, but encouraged them to think "outside the box" in regards to textbook topics. He often tied the content to real-world applications, which allowed us to look at instances in the news and analyze it from a Criminal Justice perspective. Prof. Leon was a caring, engaging, and intelligent professor who I hope to keep in touch with throughout my undergraduate years.
The lectures and topics covered were very interesting.
I enjoyed the film assignments because they provided first hand accounts of issues we were learning about.
your a funny guy
Great class!
This class focused on many interesting topics.
Use this space to provide suggestions on how to improve this course.
Maybe spend more time discussing organized crime, I think that would be interesting.
N/A
perf
Slow down on lectures or post slides to Blackboard :( Professor said he wouldn't because 1/3 of class used laptops but he was just disadvantaging those of us who didn't use laptops even further. Kind of unfair!
Get rid of the documentaries
More in-depth elaboration on each of the topics
More in class discussion on the movies we watched and how they relate to the course. Going over our film prompt answers in class to see what other people said, conflicting ideas, etc.
I think it moves too fast. I had a hard time trying to make sure I kept up with the readings.
One suggestion would maybe to spice up the lectures to engage the students more.
The use of videos were very helpful at keeping me engaged and reinforcing my learning, though you offer a lot of supplements outside of class, it would still be nice if more were added during lectures. Also memes, scientific research has shown that memes and productivity are positive correlated (causation as well).
I feel like there should be more assessments because I was not able to show my best abilities on the midterm.
Choosing different clips of videos to show in class for the first half of the semester, because those videos weren't as beneficial as they could've been.
Less lecture, more discussion
more videos
NA
Have more class discussions /activities
He should have done a project of some kind!
more discussion during lecture
12 o clock boys and the house I live in - were not engaging or informative
Lecture heavy

More variation in how we learned other than just lectures.

Sometimes the lecture would get a bit dry - probably because the lecture was in the evening, however, I think if Prof. Leon included some more interactive activities in class, it would help.

Provide feedback on the writing assignments.

keep the beard

I think that you should not allow computers, and instead provide the powerpoint.

**Would you recommend this course to others? Why or why not?**

I would absolutely recommend this class together because the material is incredibly applicable and interesting.

Yes, Professor Leon leads an interesting class on a topic that everyone should have a basic understanding of

N/A

Yes, it is well organized, and the material is introduced in a fun and understandable manner.

Yes, a great intro course to this subject, provides enough information for an introductory level, and more possible fields to go down if others think of continuing

Yes; interesting topics presented in a digestible way.

YES

Yes! Great professor!

Yes because I think it's a beneficial and a necessary subject to learn and he is the best instructor in GWU who can teach you this class.

yesssss

Yes, great professor interesting subject, makes you think, see the reality and learn new stuff

Yes! Amazing professor and applicable knowledge.

I would. It's very important to know about the criminal justice system of the country you live in.

Yes! The issues described in this course are alive and well today. It assists in understanding structural and societal problems experienced by Americans on a daily basis.

Yes, topic can be applied all around us as of today and thus the course is very relevant in today's modern society and throughout the course you will be able to apply more and more as you learn.

Yes. It is a great course.

yes, because it allows you to learn about the Criminal Justice system and encourages you to make a change.

Yes. It was an all-around interesting and fair course.

Yes because I learned a lot.

yes- interesting topic taught in a modern and applicable way

absolutely, great teacher

Yes - it was an engaging and enjoyable course 10/10 would recommend

Yes I would. You can learn a lot without having to put in an extreme amount of work. It really makes you more knowledgeable about important social justice issues.

Yes. The material was interesting and the professor is super nice and easily approachable.

Yes. The course educates you not only about Criminal Justice, but about sociology in general. It taught me a lot about courts and corrections, which I think everyone should be educated on.

Yes. Very interesting

yes

Yes because Professor Leon is a compassionate and understanding professor who wants to make sure his students thrive. The topics of criminal justice we covered were interesting and current.



Yes, I think an introduction to criminal justice is something everyone should know at least a little bit about. The topics we covered are so relevant: they pop up in the news all of the time and now I feel like I can actually comprehend those stories better. I recommend it because it strengthens understanding of issues regarding criminal justice rather than jumping to conclusions.

yes

Yes, the work is very doable and the content is interesting and delivered very well

Yes, because it is very interesting and I learned a lot about the criminal justice system.

Yes it is very important knowledge to have.

Criminal justice is a very important topic ,which most people don't really think or learn about

Yes, the information is useful

Yes

Yes; it was easy and interesting

Yes very thought provoking

You indicated that you were academically prepared to take this course, what prepared you for this class (which prior courses, which topics)?

My experience in the philosophy department helped prepare me for this course.

Into Sociology

Prior humanities coursework-- similar class structure

intro sociology, psych

High School

UW Equality and the Law

Personal reading and high school courses

SOC 1001

Did not need prior courses to understand material covered in course.

I took Criminology.

Its an introductory class so I guess anyone can take it

Philosophy

SOC 1003, Sociological Imagination

Discussions on the issue of mass incarceration.

Just general work ethic I have

Ap gov

Intro to SOC

Classes in high school

There were no prerequisites

political science courses helped with some of the material

highschool

a general understanding and interest in criminal justice, also a law and society course in high school

Prior courses in which I had textbook readings and writing assignments, such as my American Cultural History course, as well as certain courses in high school.

No classes prepared me because it was just an intro level course

Intro to sociology

It is an introductory level course.

sociology 1001

High school classes such as AP US history and AP US government

It's an intro course; I was prepared.

i took a sociology class previously

American Politics

it was cool

University Writing

I was in the IB program and work hard for this tuition money.

Basic curriculum

**You indicated that you were not academically prepared to take this course, please comment on issues with prerequisite courses, or what could have been done differently so that a future student like yourself would be better prepared to take this course?**

I do not believe the course requires prior experience in CJ.

Trying to learn some terms was hard if you are not familiar with them

I have never taken a class related to criminal justice, but I learned a lot from it

this course is basic, so good to register for unprepared students

This is an intro course

Provide powerpoints for review.