



Walters State Community College Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number and Name: CRMJ 2345 Domestic Violence

Section ID: 81247.202380

Semester and Year: Fall 2023

Credit Hours: 3

Start Date: August 21, 2023

End Date: December 08, 2023

Course Format: WEB - Web Classes

Catalog Course Description: A study of violence, focusing on physical, sexual, and emotional abuse in the family and society. **As Required.**

Meeting Details: TBD

Course Drop Deadline: October 27, 2023

Instructor Information

Name: Aarien Bryant

Role: Dean & Instructor

Office Location: PSC 143

Office Hours: Student must make an appointment with the instructor.

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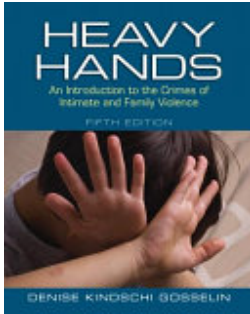
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Required Textbook(s) and Materials

Heavy Hands

ISBN: 9780133008609

Authors: Denise Kindschi Gosselin



Publisher: Prentice Hall
Publication Date: 2013-07-24
Edition: 4TH EDITION
Additional Information
(or subsequent editions)

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

- Develop and demonstrate an understanding of the components of the criminal justice system as they pertain to domestic violence.
- Develop and demonstrate an understanding of the role law enforcement plays investigating and assisting the courts in prosecution of domestic violence cases.
- Develop and demonstrate an understanding of the various solutions being addressed in regard to the education and prevention of domestic violence.
- Demonstrate the ability to define domestic violence as it pertains to different factions of the family and community.

Instructional Approach and Methods

The instruction will include but is not limited to assigned text, outside reading, lecture, student led discussion, written assignments, and class participation. Student evaluation will include three examinations, writing assignments, quizzes, homework assignments and class participation. Students are expected to read assignments and to come to class prepared to discuss and or take a quiz on the assigned material. Written assignments and quizzes cannot be made up. Exams can only be made up with approval of the instructor and under extraordinary circumstances.

Assessment, Evaluation and Testing Procedures

The quizzes cover assigned readings and lecture material. There are no make ups for quizzes other than for approved college activities with an excused absence as outlined in the student handbook. At the instructor's discretion written assignments may at times substitute quizzes.

There will be a mid-term and final exam; the exams must be taken at the date and time given.

The student's overall discussion board participation, quizzes, mid-term exam, and final exam grade will be averaged to determine the student's final grade.

Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

Assignments

To be determined by the instructor.

Class Participation

Attendance is required in order to pass the class, (see the WSCC catalog/student handbook). If a student misses class, it is his/her responsibility to see the instructor regarding missed assignments. Excessive absences will lower the student's final grade. Three absences will lower the student's final grade by one letter grade. If a student continues to miss class they may receive a grade of "F" for the course. The instructor may require written proof of a valid excuse.

The college requires the instructor to keep accurate records and to report when students are not attending class.

Course and Class Policies/Procedures

Discussion Board Participation

Students must respond to the discussion question and respond to at least two other student's post to earn points for participating in the discussion board. Posts must be articulate not just simply "I agree". Students are to respond to all discussion topics in a thoughtful and complete manner. You must post your response consisting of at least one full paragraph in a manner in which demonstrates that you understand the topic as it relates to the module content and text reading. Please respond to two of your classmates' responses.

1. Make a habit of reading other messages before posting your own. I recommend that participants reply to 2 messages before posting a new one of their own. Everyone benefits active discussion that builds the knowledge of the group as a whole.
2. Please show respect for other participants, even if you disagree with them. Learning to communicate about important issues is a part of your own professional development, and a great opportunity to experience what you will be asking of your students when you involve them in activities.
3. DO NOT USE ALL-CAPS IN YOUR MESSAGES! IT MAKES IT SEEM AS THOUGH YOU ARE SHOUTING! "Netiquette" suggests that this is rude. Use CAPS only for emphasis. The word "netiquette" has been coined to apply to writing messages in emails and discussion board postings; the word is made from the words "net" and "etiquette."
4. If you respond to a message, be sure you are adding to the discussion. Try to avoid posting messages that simply say, "me too," or "great job." A discussion Forum is not like a chat room. Each post should be complete and thoughtfully written. When responding to someone, please indicate what or who the response is referring to.
5. Try to be as concise and clear in your messages. You may be writing in a language that is not the native language of those reading your message. It is very helpful for others to be able to get a sense of your message in the first few sentences if possible. Slang or colloquial language needs to be used sparingly, and if used, explained carefully.

Don't wait until the end of the week to post on the course forum. Even if your ideas aren't fully developed, post early in the week and return frequently to read and respond to messages posted by others.

Academic Honesty

Faculty expect all students to refrain from acts of academic misconduct including but not limited to:

1. Plagiarism - refers to using another person's ideas or writing without giving proper credit to the original source. Indulging in this type of conduct will subject the student to disciplinary sanctions, which may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures of Walters State Community College as outlined in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" for the paper/exam/presentation. Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions contained in the college Catalog/Student Handbook apply (see policy 04:18:02 Disciplinary Sanctions). Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Using cut/paste tool from original document with no references given.
 - b. Copying another student's work and submitting it as one's own.
 - c. Forging or otherwise altering signatures.
 - d. Giving or falsifying academic documents or materials.

2. Cheating - construed as attempting to deceive or mislead which includes, but is not limited to the following:
- a. Utilizing old tests, projects, notes or written papers.
 - b. Providing unauthorized information to a fellow student about exam content.
 - c. Receiving unauthorized aid from any source with quizzes, examinations, or other assignments.
 - d. Seeking information in an unacceptable manner during/preceding an exam or other assigned work (cheat sheet, verbal exchange, looking at another person's paper or electronic device, utilizing headphones, using textbook when the test/quiz is not an open book test/quiz, using textbook test bank etc.).
 - e. Consulting with a classmate or others when taking a computerized test.
 - f. Disregarding other specific policies and procedures outlined for a particular class.
 - g. Utilizing unapproved technology/electronic equipment during testing (i.e.: mobile devices such as cell phones, smart devices, or tablets, etc.).
 - h. Using the same Internet Protocol network address (IP address) as another student for testing without approval from the course faculty.
3. The use of any generative artificial intelligence (AI) tool, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Bard, or any other pre-trained language model (commonly referred to as "chatbot"), must be cited for any assignment where it has been used and may not be used unless specifically allowed by your instructor. Please see your instructor or the course policies within the syllabus if you have questions.

Student Resources

TUTORING SERVICES

Students in need of tutoring assistance are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Tutoring located as follows:

- Morristown Campus - Student Services Building Room L107 - (423) 585-6920
- Niswonger Campus - GRNV 226 - (423) 798-7982
- Sevierville Campus - MMH Room 210 - (865) 286-2787
- Claiborne Campus - Room 123A - (423) 851-4761

Specific tutoring assistance in mathematics and writing is available in-person and online as follows:

- Morristown Campus - English Learning Lab - HUM 120 - (423) 585-6970

[Walters State English Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab

- Morristown Campus - Mathematics Lab - MBSS 222 - (423) 585-6872

[Walters State Mathematics Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Students who need assistance with computing and technology issues should contact the IET Helpdesk by phone at Morristown: (423) 318-2742; Niswonger: (423) 798-8186; or Sevierville: (865) 286-2789 or on-line access.

[Walters State Helpdesk \(opens in new window\)](#)
helpdesk.ws.edu

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities must register with Student Support Services each semester in the Student Services Building, Room U134 (phone (423) 585-6892) if they need any special facilities, services, or consideration.

[Walters State Student Support Services \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/student-services/disability/

SUICIDE PREVENTION STATEMENT

Walters State is committed to and cares about all students. Support services are available for any person at Walters State who is experiencing feelings of being overwhelmed, hopelessness, depression, thinking about dying by suicide, or is otherwise in need of assistance. For immediate help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 9-8-8 or the Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386. Veterans may also contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or Text 838255.

Walters State has a relationship in place with the following community agencies to provide services (may include crisis referral services, prevention screenings, etc.):

- Cherokee Health Systems 423-586-5032
- Frontier Health 423-467-3600

College Policies

STUDENTS HANDBOOK AS OFFICIAL GOVERNING DOCUMENT

This class is governed by the policies and procedures stated in the current Walters State Community College Student Handbook. All students attending Walters State Community College, regardless of the time, location, or format of the class, must abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the current Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook and the current Walters State Timetable of Classes.

[Walters State Catalog \(opens in new window\)](https://catalog.ws.edu/)
catalog.ws.edu/

[Walters State Timetable of Classes \(opens in new window\)](https://ws.edu/admissions/registration/)
ws.edu/admissions/registration/

PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND MODIFICATION OF SYLLABUS

This syllabus sets forth the expectations for the course content, work, and grading as well as expectations for student performance and conduct. The syllabus does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructor or the College. The information contained here is subject to change at any time. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time with written notification to the students. Though changes are possible, it is expected that the course will be conducted as described in this syllabus for the semester/year specified in the Course Information section of the syllabus. This syllabus is only valid for the semester/year specified and course requirements are not guaranteed for future semesters.

COURSE GROUND RULES

- Students must attend the first day of on-ground class or contact the instructor prior to the first class. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class. Excessive absences may substantially lower the course grade.
- Regular class attendance is a student's obligation for any course regardless of format. (See the Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook). If a student misses class, it is his or her responsibility to contact the instructor regarding missed assignments and/or activities and to be prepared for the next class assignment.
- Students enrolled in web courses must follow the course attendance policy defined for online attendance during the first week of class and throughout the term. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class during week one OR may result in the accrual of absences which may negatively impact the student's grade in the course.
- Students who have not paid fees on time and/or are not correctly registered for this class and whose names do not appear on official class rolls generated by the Walters State student information system (MyWS) will not be allowed to remain in class or receive credit for this course.

- Electronic devices must not disrupt the instructional process or college-sponsored academic activity. Use of electronic devices is prohibited unless use of the device is relevant to the activity and use is sanctioned by the faculty member in charge. Electronic devices that are not relevant to the activity or sanctioned by the faculty member in charge should be set so that they will not produce an audible sound during classroom instruction or other college-sponsored academic activity.

FINANCIAL AID

Students receiving any type of financial aid or scholarship should contact the Financial Aid Office before making any changes to their schedule. Schedule changes without prior approval may result in loss of award for the current term and future terms.

All forms of student Financial Aid may be jeopardized or lost due to the lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress in one or multiple courses. Lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress may negatively impact a student's degree/certificate completion pace and further jeopardize Financial Aid eligibility.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES AND ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

For information related to the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather or other events, please check the Senators Emergency Text system or the college's Web site at:

[Walters State Homepage \(opens in new window\)](#)

ws.edu/home/

[Walters State Facebook page \(opens in new window\)](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/WaltersState/>

[Walters State Twitter page \(opens in new window\)](#)

<https://twitter.com/waltersstate>

or call the college's student information line, 1-800-225-4770, option 1; the Sevier County Campus, (865) 774-5800, option 7; the Niswonger Campus (423) 798-7940, option 7; or the Claiborne County Campus, 423-636-6200, option 7. Also, please monitor local TV and radio stations for further announcements.

When an event or disaster interrupts the scheduled operations of the college and the ability to proceed with the academic course activities as planned, the college and your instructor may alter the course plan outlined in the syllabus. Should an event occur, students should refer to their course e-Learn pages and/or class materials previously delivered to receive guidance from their instructor. Students should continue to monitor the official college channels of communication listed in the above paragraph. If you would like to sign up for the Senators Emergency Text system, please go to the following Web site:

[Senator Emergency Text System \(opens in new window\)](#).
[ws.edu/set/](#)

Dual Enrollment students attending on a high school campus should refer to the high school inclement weather cancellations.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Brightspace (commonly known as eLearn or D2L) is the college's Learning Management System (LMS).

Brightspace is committed to accessibility by "deliver[ing] a learning experience that meets the needs of all people, regardless of age or ability." [Brightspace Accessibility Standard \(opens in new window\)](#)

Brightspace is also committed to guarding student data and privacy. [Brightspace Privacy Policy \(opens in new window\)](#)