Welcome! My name is Mike Jenkins and I will be your facilitator for this online presentation of Introduction to Criminology. I will begin by telling you a little about myself. I am married and have three children, all grown; I have been an adjunct instructor with UCO for the last five years and have my bachelors and masters in Criminal Justice. I am also a twenty two year veteran police officer with the Stillwater Police Department and hope to retire soon and teach full time. So sit back and relax, but pay close attention to the following information about how to access the course and become familiar with this format. I look forward to getting to know you.


Course Description: According to the University of Central Oklahoma Undergraduate Catalog, this course is described as follows: The cause, prevention and treatment of crime.

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives: The major goals of this course will include learning current crime statistics, crime theories, as well as examining the criminal acts themselves. Upon completion the student will have demonstrated the ability to think critically through the issues associated with criminal activity and have a deeper appreciation of both the intended and unintended consequences of criminal acts and societies response.

Course Requirements: Students are responsible for the timely completion of all assignments and exams, and are expected to complete course work on-line as scheduled. This course will include online discussions, assignments, and activities to facilitate learning of the subject matter.

Online Student Orientation and Technology Requirements: See “Online Student Tutorial” and “D2L Student Web Site” at the bottom of the course home page.

Course Policies: All work must be submitted by midnight on Thursday. Most weeks there will be an online activity for you to engage in. These activities include discussion questions, assignments, responses to presented materials and other online activities. Students are expected to complete each weekly activity, whether graded or not.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: The purpose of the discussion questions is to provide learners with the opportunity to critically discuss controversial issues covered in the course materials and text. You may agree or disagree with the discussion question or statement. The purpose of your responses to these questions is to stimulate dialogue with others in the class and provide an opportunity to reflect on the diverse opinions and views about the topic. If multiple questions are posed, you must respond to all aspects of the
discussion questions posed to receive credit.

To receive full credit for online discussions, students must individually respond to the discussion question AND respond to the discussion response of another student in the course. Just saying “I agree” or “Good answer” is not substantive and will result in a loss of discussion points for that specific week and in your responses please be thoughtful and respectful.

**Exams:** There are three exams in this course. The exams may consist of true-false, multiple-choice, matching, short answer or essay questions. Each exam is worth 100 points. Exams will be conducted on-line on the date listed in the syllabus. Online exams are timed. Although you can use your text to take the quiz, the time available to complete the quiz makes it unlikely that you will be able to “look up” the correct answers. Students who fail to complete the exam in the allotted time will lose points for all unanswered questions. In order to perform well on the exams, you must read and study the text carefully. Exams must be taken on the day they are scheduled within the allotted time period.

Exams will be available from Tuesday at 8:00am until Thursday at 1:00pm during the week when an exam is scheduled. You may only access the exam one time, and must SUBMIT the exam within the time limit noted on the exam. Students who fail to SUBMIT an exam within the set time period will receive a zero on the exam and will not be allowed to take a make-up exam. The general format for online exams is as follows: you will only be able to review each question one time before answering it and will not be able to go back to a question once an answer is submitted.

**Make-up Exams:** Make up exams we be allowed at the discretion of the instructor on a case by case basis. Your reason for missing an exam must be compelling.

**Quizzes:** There will be a short quiz after each two (2) chapter block of instruction, approximately six (5) in total. Each quiz will each be worth 20 points.

**Research Paper:** Students will be required to submit a research paper by week 12 (April 8, 2013). See Case Study document for details.

No late work will be accepted. The paper and other assignments must be turned on time. Online assignments must be completed during the schedule time period or by the listed deadlines. Failing to post an online discussion response, responses to others comments, and responses to assignments by stated due dates will result in a loss of points.

Students caught cheating on an assignment will forfeit that grade. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. A zero will automatically be given. Students are advised to refer to the UCO Student Code of Conduct for more information. Students do not have permission to sell course lectures or notes.

**Email:** Use the email function within D2L to contact Mr. Jenkins.

**Plagiarism:** All writing assignments that you submit for this course must either be entirely your own, or properly referenced/cited. Violations constitute plagiarism. Students who plagiarize may receive a failing grade on the assignment and in the course. A case involving plagiarism is usually referred to the Discipline Committee, which can recommend in extreme cases dismissal from the University.
**Turnitin.com Plagiarism Syllabus Statement:** UCO subscribes to the Turnitin.com plagiarism prevention service. Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted assignments will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com restricted access reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such assignments. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com website. Turnitin.com is just one of various plagiarism prevention tools and methods which may be utilized by your faculty instructor during the terms of the semesters. In the UCO Student Handbook, there is a process for contesting any plagiarism allegations against you.

**Course Points and Grading Scale:**
Three exams @ 100 points each….300 points
Five Quizzes @ 20 points each…..100 points
Three Discussion Questions total…100 points
Case Study………………….. 100 points
Total 600 points

Grade categories are A = 90 – 100, B = 80 – 89, C = 70 – 79, D = 60 – 69, F = 59 and below

**Syllabus Attachment:** Refer to the Spring 2013 syllabus attachment at the bottom of the home page for additional course information. The syllabus attachment is also available on the UCO Office of Academic Affairs website.