Language of instruction: English
Professor: Elena Larrauri, Íñigo Ortiz, David Felip, Ester Blay
Professor’s contact and office hours: TBA
Course Contact Hours: 45
Recommended Credit: 3 US credits-5 ECTS credits
Course Prerequisites: there are no prerequisites for this course

Language Requirements: None
Course focus and approach: This course focuses on the main topics and debates in current criminal policy and criminal justice studies providing a comparative perspective of how these issues are dealt in US and EU.

Course Description:
This course focuses on the principles, institutions and working practices of criminal justice systems in the US and the EU. Thus, the course covers various forms of punishments (from the death penalty to intermediate punishments), the aims, principles and limits to those forms of punishments, the workings of the police, the role played in the criminal justice system by recent developments in forensics and neuroscience, and particularly salient issues such as the role of victims of crime in the criminal justice system, white collar crime or corporate liability. The various topics are dealt with in a comparative perspective.

Learning Objectives:
At the end of this course the students:
- Will be able to understand the working practices and the norms that guide the main criminal justice institutions.
- Will be able to compare Spanish/European main criminal justice working principles and institutions.
- Will be able to interpret and understand the legal and cultural principles guiding criminal justice systems and criminal policy.

Course Workload:
Students are expected to read selected items before the lectures; to attend lectures; to participate in class discussions; to sit a final exam.

Methods of Instruction:
The course is structured in lecture classes. Discussion by students is encouraged and expected by the lecturers.

Method of Assessment
Final exam: 80%
Class participation: 20% 

**Absence Policy**
Attending class is mandatory and will be monitored daily by professors. Missing classes will impact on the student’s final grade as follows:

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<td>Up to two (2) absences</td>
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The Study Abroad attendance policy does not distinguish between justified or unjustified absences. The student is responsible to manage his/her absences around the two permitted ones. Emergency situations (hospitalization, family emergency...) will be analyzed on a case by case basis by the Academic Director of the Program.

**Classroom Norms:**
- No food is permitted in class
- Students will have a ten-minute break after one-hour session

**Weekly Schedule**

**BLOC I. SENTENCING**

**Session 1**
Sentencing and criminal justice system (Prof. Elena Larrauri)

**Session 2**
Death penalty (Prof. Elena Larrauri)

**Session 3**
Life imprisonment (Prof. Elena Larrauri)

**Session 4**
Intermediate and community punishments (Prof. Elena Larrauri)

**BLOC II. CRIMINAL LAW PRINCIPLES.**

**Session 5**
Distributive principles of criminal law: deterrence, desert and rehabilitation on both sides of the Atlantic (I) (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)

**Session 6**
Distributive principles of criminal law: deterrence, desert and rehabilitation on both sides of the Atlantic (II) (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)

**Session 7**
The limits of criminal law: culpability (or: on strict liability and the theory of mistake) (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)

**Session 8**
The limits of criminal law: proportionality of both crime and punishment (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)
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Session 9  
White collar crime (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)

Session 10  
Economic analysis of criminal law (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)

Session 11  
Economic analysis of criminal law (Prof. Iñigo Ortiz)

Bloc III. POLICING.

Session 12  
Victims of crime and the criminal justice system (Prof. Ester Blay)

Session 13  
Policing models (Prof. Ester Blay)

Session 14  
Policing and diversity (Prof. Ester Blay)

Session 15  
Plural policing (Prof. Ester Blay)

Session 16  
Policing disorder (Prof. Ester Blay)

Session 17  
The police and the media (Prof. Ester Blay)

Session 18  
Police legitimacy (Prof. Ester Blay)

BLOC IV. Forensics

Session 19  
Forensic Science and police investigation (Prof. David Felip)

Session 20  
Corporate liability (Prof. David Felip)

Session 21  
Criminal law and Neuroscience (Prof. David Felip)

Session 22  
Final conclusions and exam

REQUIRED READINGS:


RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY: