

# Welcome to CRJ 131 - Criminal Justice!



My name is Penelope Dunn and I am the on-line instructor for Criminal Justice 131. The information below should assist you in preparing for the course. Students will be expected to complete weekly assignments including reading. In order to be successful in this course you will have to demonstrate through the assignments that you understand the concepts and how they apply to Criminal Justice. This means more than just a layperson knowledge of the criminal justice system, but the application at an acceptable academic level. I look forward to the upcoming semester.

**Getting Started:** Your course requires you to log into the *UCompass* course management system. You can get to UCompass from the HFCC home page by clicking on the **Online Course Login** button or go to <http://henryford.ucompass.com/>. Use your usual HFCC User ID and login to start your class.

**Getting around your course:** All areas of your course are accessed from the navigation bar at the left. This bar is always present so you'll never be lost. To move from one section to another just click on the link.

**Syllabus:** Find the course syllabus by clicking the Syllabus link on the navigation bar, then click view syllabus.

**Assignments:** Your weekly assignments are located in the Course Materials section. The assignments are organized into packets for each chapter of the course. Each Monday you will receive a new packet. The assigned work for that packet is due by 9:00am the following Monday. A course schedule link is provided in each packet. Click the title of the packet to open it. Open the items in the packet by clicking the title of each item in the left frame inside the packet.

**Email:** You each have an Email account within the course. Click the Email button on the left to access the email feature. Use this email feature for all of your course email communications. Please do not use this account for your personal email correspondence.

**Discussion Board:** The Discussion Board will be used throughout the semester for weekly assignments. You will post comments relevant to the materials in the course.

**Talk to Me:** Contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My contact information can be found on the top of the syllabus. I also have an email account within UCompass.

**External Links:** Check out some helpful and informative sites related to topics covered in this course.

**Explore:** Take some time now to explore the course and all the buttons. Get comfortable with the navigation and layout of the course. You won't break anything!