By Dr. Darwin Driggers

Welcome back everyone! WOW! 2011! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a great new year and are well rested. I taught during the inter-session and did not have time off as many as you did, but, it was fun nonetheless.

For many of you this will be your last semester here at the Ybor City Campus and you will be graduating and perhaps transferring to a four year university. Others of you will be continuing here at Ybor City Campus for additional semesters in order to satisfy the requirements for your AA or AS and then onto your careers.

As this is my second semester as a full time instructor, I have asked many of my students that are graduating, what were the main aspects in which they were SUCCESSFUL in their college classes. I just wanted to share these with you for the Spring 2011 Semester:

1. Arrive on campus as early as possible to get a great parking spot prior to your first class.
2. Be prepared and have all the items that you will need for your classes (pens, pencils, note books, etc.).
3. Get to know your instructor. Make an office appointment with him or her. All of your instructors here at Ybor are very talented with immense and varied experience, and passionate and committed in assisting all students in their classes.
4. Be attentive in your classes, making sure you listen clearly to your instructor and other students.
5. Participate in class as much as possible - it is amazing how much you will learn about yourself and the class that you are taking.
6. Concerning any term or research paper, ask your instructor if you can prepare a "rough draft" and sit down with them to discuss exactly how to make your paper an A+.
7. Take clear and good notes - the best tool to excel in classes is good note taking.
8. Study for all quizzes, tests and exams - last semester I had some students that met "outside of class" in small study groups and they indicated it was a "blast" and loved the interaction with each other.

There may be some other aspects that will lead you to be very successful this semester, but the ones that I have outlined here are definitely going to help you find "Success" in the classroom. Have fun this semester and before you know it, you will be moving on with your AA or AS degree in hand.

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Your New Adjunct Faculty Members

”This is a court of law, young man, not a court of Justice. “
By Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

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Degrees - Selections and Errors

By Dr. Michael Reichard

The term “degree coding” refers to the degree that a student selects to receive upon graduation. This selection is of critical importance because the courses that a student must take in order to graduate are determined by the degree for which they enroll. An error in the student’s degree code will result in the student being advised to take courses they do not really need and courses the student takes may not be properly “credited” toward their graduation requirements.

“Degree Coding” errors are a problem throughout the college and throughout the nation in many of our institutions of higher learning. This article will highlight some of the reasons this occurs. Although my comments will deal specifically with criminal justice "majors", much of what I say will apply equally to other programs.

Incorrect Degree Selection by Self Advising

The vast majority of our students are degree seeking and select a degree when they enroll. Sometimes the degree the student selects is not the correct degree for them. Sometimes they select the wrong degree based on self-advising where they misunderstood what their degree choices were and sometimes they select the wrong degree based on misinformation. In either case, students need to correct any miss-coding brought about by their selection of the wrong degree.

A good example of incorrect degree selection among criminal justice majors involves confusing the criminal justice A.S. degree and A.A.S. degree. The A.A.S. degree is only for those criminal justice students who have also graduated from a police or corrections academy. Any other student who selects the A.A.S. degree has chosen the wrong degree.

Incorrect Degree Selection by Misinformation

A good example of students selecting the wrong degree based on misinformation provided to them involves the A.A. versus the A.S. degree. Beginning Fall 2004, under the provision of Rule 6A-10.024 of the Florida Administrative Code, persons who graduate from a Florida Community College with an A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice will be able to transfer to a State University (and most Private Universities) as a Junior to seek a bachelor’s degree. The idea that a student must seek an A.A. degree in order to transfer to the university is absolutely untrue, and anyone who says so, be it administrator, faculty, fellow student, or staff (whether student services staff member or otherwise) is mistaken. Pursuant to Rule 6A-10.024, six A.S. degrees will transfer just like the A.A. does and criminal justice is one of the six. Students who are not sure what kind of bachelor's degree they wish to seek are better off getting the A.A. degree which has flexibility. However, if you definitely want a criminal justice bachelor’s degree then the A.S. degree will serve you well.

The A.A. Degree by Default

When new students meet with advisors and the student is unsure of the degree or career they wish to seek, the student is often advised to seek the A.A. degree. This is fine since the A.A. degree offers flexibility. However, if the student later on decides to seek a degree and career in criminal justice, they are often best served by changing their degree code to the A.S. in criminal justice.

Dual Degrees Not Reflected

Sometimes students seek two degrees or a degree and a certificate simultaneously. Criminal Justice students sometimes seek the A.S. degree and Crime Scene Certificate at the same time. Make sure you enroll into both programs and, if you find your records do not reflect both, you need to have it corrected.

Changing One's “Major”

Very often students, when they enroll, select a particular degree based on the career they wish to seek at the time. Later on the student changes their career goals. That student needs to update their degree code. All too often students think they have changed their “major” but they have failed to change their degree code. Unless the degree code is changed, the “major” is not changed. That can result in all the problems discussed above. Students who want to change their “major” (which really means their degree code) must come to a College Admissions Office.

Responsibility of the Student

Ultimately, degree selection is the responsibility of the student. Criminal Justice students should make their career goals and interests clear when they meet with advisors. Criminal Justice students should also avail themselves of the Program Based Advising offered by the Criminal Justice Program. We have both a web site and a student program guide designed to help our students make degree and course selections. If you select an A.A. degree because you just were not sure what to select or you have changed your mind about your degree selection and now want a criminal justice degree, you need to change your degree code as soon as possible.

It is the responsibility of each student to monitor and adjust their program codes, address, and phone number, as appropriate. It is the responsibility of Student Services to stress to students the importance of reviewing and updating their degree codes and other vital information each term, and it is the responsibility of the criminal justice faculty to assist students to make sure they are properly coded. We are here to help.

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Our Instructors... Profiles of your Faculty...

Leo Cadogan served for over 20 years in the United States Army retiring at the rank of Major. Mr. Cadogan was an Adjunct Professor of Military Science at Tuskegee University in Alabama from 1996 to 2000. During his tenure at Tuskegee University he instructed classes on the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Leadership, Military Operations and Combat Tactics and Techniques. While serving three combat tours during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom from 2002 to 2006, Mr. Cadogan was an Instructor, Senior Operations Officer and Interrogator. He taught classes to the troops on Arab and Muslim culture and Combat Logistic procedures while deployed to combat in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm in 1992. Mr. Cadogan is a graduate of the Army’s prestigious Command and General Staff College and has attended numerous specialized schools during his military service. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Springfield College, a M.S. in Justice and Public Safety from Auburn University in 2000 and a M.B.A. from Columbia Southern University in 2010. He has been the recipient of the Army Bronze Star and is a member of the American Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon.

Ferrell Middle School Visit

By Kenneth Minton

On, December 16, 2010, students from Ferrell Middle Magnet School, as part of the Center for Language Exploration and Global Communication, journeyed to the Ybor City Campus of Hillsborough Community College for a morning of inquiry into crime scene investigation and the criminal justice system. The first part of the program included videos on various careers in the criminal justice system.

The students then asked questions about those careers that most interested them.

The second part of the program involved crime scene investigation and included “hands-on” learning, which the students enjoyed. Students were allowed to examine many items typically used in crime scene processing and evidence handling. Crime scene sketches/diagrams from actual crime scenes were passed around.

The third portion of the program involved the students breaking off into groups and examining old crime scene photographs. After a few minutes of observation and discussion the students reported back to the entire class what items of evidence they had located in the photographs.

The program was topped off by a visit to the H.C.C. "mock" courtroom. All students participated and seemed to enjoy the program and interaction. Ybor City Campus faculty members Darwin Driggers and Kenneth Minton presented the program.

Kenneth Minton is an adjunct professor with the HCC Criminal Justice Program. He has experience in military and civilian criminal investigations and crime scene investigation.

Our Courses - A Preview... Deviant Behavior

By Dr. Darwin Driggers

What is deviant behavior? What guides and governs our behavior in society? Is it rules and regulations that are passed on to us by our parents? Could it be the folkways, norms and taboos that teach us what is acceptable/ non-acceptable in our culture? Or, is it simply the formal laws within our society that makes us all so very clearly aware of our boundaries.

Criminal Deviant Behavior is a class that explores and attempts to answer these questions. Deviant Behavior is an interesting topic by itself, but in the classroom, it is even more exciting. This class spotlights the definition of deviation and deviant behavior in a way that is relevant to criminal justice students and practitioners as well as to those in other disciplines in the field of Social Science.

The course travels in depth to better understand the "more common" groupings of deviants such as suicide bombers, depressed teens, swinging couples, college binge drinkers, serial killers as well as high level business crooks. And newer types of deviant behaviors emerge such as family, partner and domestic violence, mental disorders, substance abuse, prostitution, female genital mutilation, high risk teen sexual relations, and homophobia to name just a few.

In this exciting new course, students are exposed to the full range of theories and data about deviance. They are challenged to think about behaviors from our culture and how it contrasts with that of other cultures.

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What’s Coming Up

CJSA & CJT Activities

Our First Annual “Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In” with many guest speakers.

February 24, 2011
All Day Long

What’s Going On

New Internships

The Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program has entered into agreements with the following local government agencies to provide our students with some new internship opportunities:

- Tampa City Fire Marshal
- Florida Parole Commission
- Florida Highway Patrol
- Salvation Army Probation

Criminal Justice Internship Applications & Information
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/internships.aspx

The Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In

On February 24, 2011, the Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program will present its first Annual “Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In.”

This event, patterned after the national Great American Teach-In, will feature numerous guest speakers from our Criminal Justice Agencies. This event will be held at the Ybor City Campus YPST Building, rooms 314 and 320, with speakers scheduled from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Great effort has been made to bring to our students and staff some of the leaders from our local criminal justice system.

The Criminal Justice Student Association will be providing refreshments.

Open to everyone!

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

8:00 am
- Rita Peters, Assistant State Attorney, Chief, Sex Offender Div, Tampa
- James Madden, Special Agent in Charge, Tampa Region, FDLE

9:30 am
- Gerald Wasi, Regional Director of Institutions, FDOC
- Colonel Albert Frost, Hillsborough Sheriff’s Office

11:00 am
- Jane Castor, Chief of Police, Tampa Police Department
- Zollie Rowan, Regional Director, Probation and Parole, FDOC

12:30 pm
- Robert O’Neill, U.S. Attorney, Middle District of Florida

2:00 pm
- Jerry Blochle, Special Agent in Charge, Office of Special Investigation, MacDill

3:30 pm
- Steve Mullis, Regional Director, Detention Services, FDJJ

5:45 pm
- Attorney Norman Canella, Former Chief Assistant State Attorney, Tampa

7:15 pm
- Honorable Judge Walter Heinrich, Hillsborough County Court

What You Need To Know… Directed Research

Dr. Mindy Neal

All Criminal Justice Majors who are seeking an A.S. Degree are required to register and successfully complete CCJ 2910 – Criminal Justice Directed Research prior to graduation. All Criminal Justice Majors who are seeking an A.A.S. Degree or an A.A. Degree may take CCJ 2910 as an elective. This course is limited to Criminal Justice Majors. Students should take the Directed Research course only after completing most of their criminal justice required courses. Therefore, permission of the Instructor is required prior to registering for this course. There is now an application, much like the application required for the Internship, that the student must complete before being eligible to register for the course. This application can be found in YPST Room 226 or on our website.

Directed Research (CCJ 2910) is an individualized study project that applies the objective approach in the observation and reporting of information relating to social problems, with a focus on understanding and interpreting data, as well as basic statistics. A documented research paper is required and must relate to a criminal justice subject area. It is important to understand that we do not meet as a class; all work is done independently by you, with guidance as necessary from the instructor. At the end of the course, the student will be able to understand the basic elements of criminological and criminal justice literature research and the final product will be the research paper (yes, that 20-page paper you have all heard so much about). Many of you might be frightened by the daunting prospect of writing a 20 page paper; however, rest assured that you can do it. The topic of your paper should pertain to a criminal justice subject area of interest to you. If the topic is something in which you are interested, the research will be more enjoyable and the writing easier. There are numerous suggested topics on our website and I am here to help guide you as necessary. You will be surprised and proud of the end result.

Information you will need for this course can be found on our website: http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/directed-research.aspx. From that page click on “For Students” and then on “Directed Research.” Basic information about the course as well as the application, syllabus and an explanation letter from me can be found there.

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Our Mission
The Criminal Justice Technology Undergraduate Studies Program is an undergraduate college program at Hillsborough Community College in which students can earn an Associate in Science Degree, an Associate in Applied Science Degree, a College Credit Certificate, as well as an Associate in Arts Degree in various Criminal Justice fields. Our graduates are preparing for careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation, the court system, and law.

The Criminal Justice Technology Undergraduate Program offers students a broad background in history, philosophy, organization, management and operation of the criminal justice system. This Program can be the start of a career in law enforcement, probation, corrections, crime scene and law.

Protect Your Grades: Know These Important Dates and Deadlines

By Dr. Mindy Neal
Welcome back to all of our students. The Spring 2011 Term officially began Monday, January 10, 2011. Students need to be aware of the following important dates and deadlines and letter grades that may appear on their permanent record as a result:

Last day of Drop/Add: January 14, 2011. If a student drops a course on or before January 14, neither the course nor any grade will appear on their transcript for that course.

Withdrawal for Non-attendance: Instructors will enter a “WN” grade for students who appear on their roster but do not attend class or log-in (online courses) during the first 10 class days counted from the first day of that class. The student is financially responsible for the cost of the course(s).

Last day to apply for a Degree: January 24, 2011. March 7, 2011 is the deadline for a name to appear in the Commencement Program.

Last day to withdraw: March 14, 2011. A Withdrawal, “W” grade, is awarded to students who officially withdraw by this deadline. This is done without academic penalty. If the student does not officially withdraw by this date, they will receive a failing grade, sometimes referred to as “FX” or Failure-Stopped Attending.

Last day to remove an “I” grade: October 18, 2011. An Incomplete is awarded only when requested by a student, approved by the instructor, and confirmed by the appropriate academic dean. “I” grades are given only when unforeseen circumstances prevent students from completing course requirements during the regular term. If the Incomplete requirements are not satisfied by the deadline, the grade will be changed to an “F” grade on the student’s permanent record.

Commencement: May 6, 2011
Classes End: May 9, 2011
All students should refer to the grading policies and grade definitions as they appear in the HCC Catalog (most of these appear on pages 29 and 30). Knowing and understanding these definitions and deadlines will help you preserve your grades as well as possibly prevent you from paying unnecessary tuition and fees to the college. We hope this information helps you and we wish you great academic success for the Spring 2011 Term.

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A Note of Interest
Our new Direct E-Mailing Program that will allow us to communicate directly with all of our criminal justice majors, is coming soon!