Description:

Florida Atlantic University's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of West Florida's (UWF) Department of Justice Studies and Washburn University's (WU, Topeka, Kansas) Department of Criminal Justice, in conjunction with Edinburgh Napier University (ENU), will participate in an international study abroad program. The purpose of the program is for FAU, UWF and WU criminal justice students to study cross-national crime and justice policies and issues; compare structures and functions of the criminal justice institutions which are responsible for the enforcement and adjudication of the criminal laws in Scotland and the United States; and to develop a better understanding of the cross-cultural significance of ethnicity, age, and gender in criminal justice.

Students will study and experience the Scottish justice system with a view focused on the history of the Scottish justice system. This emphasis will enable the student to have a better understanding of cultural, historical, political and social factors that influence the Scottish justice system. Students will live in off-campus housing in Edinburgh, and will have opportunities to participate in cultural activities of the country. Students will also have opportunities for travel as they learn about their host country.

Student Learning Objectives:

After completing this course you should be able to demonstrate the following:

1. comparative knowledge and understanding of other criminal justice systems

2. understanding of cross-national studies and research regarding the Scottish and U.S. criminal justice systems and the influence the cultural, political and social factors of each country have on the justice systems.

4. An international perspective in regard to systems of law, law enforcement, criminal adjudication, and sentencing.

5. A learning opportunity to meet new people, exchange ideas with the Edinburgh Napier University faculty members and students and experience cultural opportunities offered within a foreign country.

Why study Abroad?

This is the absolute best time in your life to study abroad. You'll never get a better opportunity than right now. If you've ever thought about studying overseas, do it while you're in college. Why?

1. Students who study abroad return home with a broadened and less biased perspective toward other cultures.
2. Students who study abroad commonly report that their study abroad experience actually changed their life.
3. Students who study abroad gain the competitive edge through their international experiences.
4. Students who study abroad experience amazing personal growth, especially in the areas of independence and self-confidence.

Required Textbook and Readings


Instructor handout of questions to accompany Croall et al. book.

Standards of Measurement/Assessment/Assignments

a. In May 2017 and June 2017 (dates TBA), students will participate in two pre-departure orientation sessions on the FAU campus facilitated by Drs. Atkin-Plunk and Smykla to become familiar with proposed scholarly activities during study abroad, course requirements, reading materials, and other travel
and academic activities. At the second orientation session, students will bring to class two copies of the pre-departure paper. Details on the pre-departure paper will be discussed at the first session.

b. While participating in the lectures at the Edinburgh Napier University, students will participate in discussions and group presentations on an assigned topic.

c. Students will observe various criminal justice-related sites in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, and other Scottish cities.

d. A comprehensive essay paper is required three weeks upon return to the U.S.

**Grading**

25 points completion of questions that accompany Croall et al. book
25 points pre-departure paper
25 points participation
25 points final paper

**Issues/Questions to be considered while studying abroad in Scotland include:**

**Law Enforcement Group**

1. What are the historical beginnings of the Scottish police force?
2. How does the organization of Scottish police agencies compare to those in the United States?
3. What methods are used to recruit and hire police officers in Scotland?
4. What are the qualifications of a police officer in Scotland?
5. Are there issues that women face if they want to become police officers? What about after they are hired and working on the job?
6. What are the features of police patrols in Scotland?

** Corrections Group**

1. How are gang members handled while being confined in jail? Are terrorists classified differently?
2. What's the public's perspective on capital punishment in Scotland?
3. Do jail/prison officials use non-lethal weapons (baton, pepper spray, tasers) on duty?
4. How does the probation and parole system in Scotland compare to the United States?
Courts Group

1. What are the penalties for crimes in Scotland?
2. How does the "not proven verdict" work in Scotland? Is there a stigma attached to the acquitted person?
3. How are laws enacted in Scotland?
4. What are the differences between a solicitor and a barrister?

Crime and Justice Group

1. What methods are used to collect crime data in Scotland and how do they compare with the US. methods?
2. What are some of the more prevalent crimes in Scotland?
3. Is there a juvenile crime problem in Scotland?

Writing Style

The instructor of this course expect students to study, learn, and master the conventions contained in the APA Style Manual. At a minimum, students are expected to follow the rules of proper syntax and semantic, punctuation, and spelling. Any student who needs assistance with his or her writing is encouraged to seek help from tutors and other resource people, including FAU’s Writing Center.

Instructor/Course Evaluation

The instructor will ask the class for feedback regarding the course frequently. Please let the instructor know how the course is going. If you experience any difficulties with the content, readings, assignments, or the web-based course tools, please let the instructor know immediately.
**XI Preliminary Course Schedule**

Dates and content may change at the discretion of the instructor to accommodate the process and needs of the class.

**Days 1 and 2**  
**Saturday- Sunday**  
**June 10-11**  
Departure from the United States and arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland. Dorm assignments, orientation to ENU

**Day 3**  
**Monday**  
**June 12**  
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<td>Scottish Justice System</td>
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<td>Group Visit to the Scottish Parliament (Edinburgh)</td>
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<td>Structure of the Scottish Courts</td>
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<td>Group Visit to the High Court, Glasgow</td>
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**Day 5**  
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<td>9:00 am - 10:30 am</td>
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10:30 am - 11:30 am  Scottish Policing Part II
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Group Research

Day 6
Thursday
June 15

9:00 am - 11:30 am  Gangs in Scotland
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Tour Edinburgh

Days 7, 8, 9
Friday - Sunday
June 16 through June 18

(Fri.) 9:00 am - Noon  Student presentations

Noon Friday to approx. to 9 pm Sunday
Depart for London (optional). Students not wishing to visit London can remain at ENU or make other weekend arrangements. Dr. Atkin-Plunk must know every student's weekend schedule.

$100 Estimated round trip train Edinburgh to London
$400 Estimated two nights Holiday Inn Express, London.
Two students per room and split the cost.

Day 10
Monday
June 19

9:00 am - 10:30 am  Scottish Policing Part II
10:30 am  11:30 am  Research in policing
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Tulliallan Police College/National Academy (Stirling)
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<td>Group tour of the Stirling Gaol/William Wallace Castle, Stirling</td>
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<td>Current Prison Practices in Scotland</td>
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All students must apply for this program by visiting the FAU Office of International Programs (OIP) using the online application https://fau.fluidreview.com.