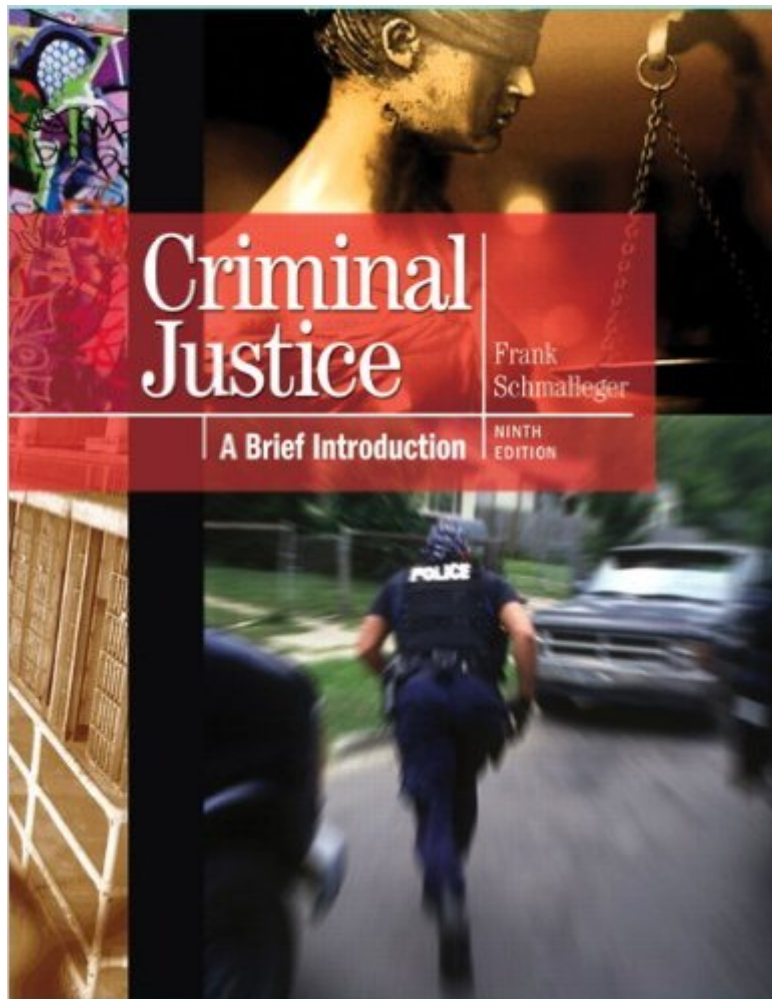


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Eng 102: Composition II Review of *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction* by Frank

Schmalleger Written by Joshua Jones If you are seeking basic knowledge of the criminal justice system then you should look no further than *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction* by Frank Schmalleger. After reading this textbook you can see how its structure is set up in favor of the reader gaining knowledge. Schmalleger does an amazing job explaining his subject matter in a way that can be understood by someone that knows nothing of the subject he is teaching. This textbooks

structure is based upon the release of knowledge in a controlled format as to not confuse its readers any kind of confusion. In the beginning chapters you are given the general information on the subject of criminal justice that you will need to understand the remainder of the textbook. As the chapters progress you find yourself connecting the knowledge of the current chapter with that of the previous chapters you have read and realizing that your understanding is becoming well rounded. Another aspect of the textbook that was amazing was its use of sidebars. Throughout the entire textbook there were sidebars that brought situations or current events to the forefront in an attempt to give readers examples of what they were learning. Using current events was a great idea in my opinion because it brings things into context for the reader without the reader having to look up the events of the past in order to understand the knowledge being taught. Some of the sidebars were also meant to be thought provoking. They were meant to raise a debate and make the reader really have to use the knowledge he has learned to pick a viewpoint and side and coherently be able to defend it.

I was required to purchase this book for a class I recently took. To be specific, I was required to purchase the "combo" package from my school, that included this text book and an "access" card/code. I did a little research and found the premium for the "combo" to be expensive in comparison to buying the two separately. I purchased the book separately (this item), and then purchased the access code direct from Pearson for \$30. By doing this method I saved around \$30-\$40 over buying the combo package from my school. This may vary for you depending on what your school charges for the "combo" package. So make sure you check the prices first. With that said, I have to say the \$30 Pearson "access", in my opinion, is not worth the price tag. The \$30 Pearson "access" code feels more like an attempt at reclaiming lost sales due to used text books being sold. The content is mostly the same from the data in the book, and some of it is misplaced, like images and diagrams. The quick quizzes are typically only 3 to 4 questions and aren't very challenging at all. Again, it just feels like an attempt to get more money from students rather than a way to provide quality educational tools to students. This is just my opinion, and these thoughts are only directed towards the Pearson "access", not the book. The book is filled with current information in regards to criminal justice. So much information that at times I forgot it was suppose to be an "introduction". For the price of the book though, it does contain a good value when considering the amount of information and quality of the data. The images are crisp and colorful, and the text is clear, although small. Full pages of small text did seem daunting on some pages, but overall the layout made reading decently easy.

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