

Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
Police Systems & Practices
CRIJ 2367-01
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Required Textbook:

Oliver, W.M. (2107). *Policing America: An Introduction*. Wolters
Kluwer.

Oliver, W.M. (2017). *August Vollmer: The Father of American Policing*.
Carolina Academic Press.

Course Description:

Philosophy and history of law enforcement; limitations imposed on law enforcement in a democratic society in accordance with the Constitution; agencies of law enforcement; role and place of law enforcement in the total justice process.

Course Objectives:

1. Gaining factual knowledge about policing (e.g., terminology, classifications, methods, trends).
2. Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, and theories about American policing.

3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions).

Course Requirements:

This class will consist of four mid-term examinations (20% each) and two quizzes (10% each).

Attendance Policy:

Class attendance requirements are in accordance with Academic Policy Statement 800401.

Grading Policy:

This course uses a 10 point scale with exam/quiz weights.

Make-up Exam:

Arrangements must be made with the professor in advance of the exam.

Student Academic Policies:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Use of Telephones and Text Messages in Academic Classrooms and Facilities:

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Course Schedule:

August	24	Syllabus & Introduction
	29	Wolves (Violence)
	31	Sheep (Policing a Democracy) 1
September	5	4 eras of policing 2
	7	Decentralization vs. centralization 3
	12	Exam #1
	14	Police org. theories 4
	19	Police Academy 5
	21	Police are screened and held accountable 5/6
	26	Are cops racist? 7
	28	Exam #2
October	3	It's a cop thing; you wouldn't understand 8
	5	Do police deter crime? 9
	10	Vollmer Quiz #1
	12	SWACJ
	17	Police & Fear 10
	19	Police Investigations 11
	24	Exam #3
	26	Are Cops brutal? 12/13
	31	Line of Duty #1 12
November	2	Line of Duty #2 12
	7	Police Stress 14
	9	Modern Issues 15
	14	ASC
	16	ASC
	21	Thanksgiving

23	Thanksgiving
28	Vollmer Quiz #2
30	Exam #4

Final Exam Period: December 5, 2017, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.