

**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
CRIJ 2367- Section 03(81210)  
POLICE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES  
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**Readings:**

Required Textbook: **An Introduction to Policing/ Edition 8**, By John S. Dempsey, 2015, Cengage Learning.

**Course Description:**

This course is an analysis of police policies with particular attention to the current major problem areas from the point of view of both the administrator and the line officer. Established scientific knowledge is integrated with practical police experience in a various areas of police functioning.

**Attendance Policy:**

It is the university policy to require attendance at all class sessions. Students are expected to attend each class session. Students can have up to five excused and/or unexcused absences in the course without penalty. I do not collect excuses or notes verifying the cause of an absence.

***Students with six to nine absences can be penalized one letter grade on the final grade in the course. Students with more than 10 absences will automatically fail the course. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the number of absences during the course. I cannot provide you with an absence tally until the end of the semester.***

When a student misses class for legitimate reasons/ emergency situations and when the absence from classes is likely to be for an extended period (generally three class days or more), students may contact the Dean of Students' Office by completing the "Absence Notification Request Form" (available in person or online at [www.shsu.edu/deanofstudents](http://www.shsu.edu/deanofstudents)) to request notification be sent their instructors. If the student is physically unable to contact the office, a family member may submit the notification request.

**Only those emergency absences verified by the Dean of Students Office will be excluded from the class absence total.**

***You are expected to arrive to class on time and not to leave early. Catching up on classes that you have missed is your responsibility. I will not respond to emails requesting information on missed classes or materials unless the Dean of Student's Office verified your absence.***

**General Classroom Policies:**

The Criminal Justice Professional should arrive on time, be prepared and leave when dismissed. Students are expected to be prepared for class having read the required information and bringing with them the necessary implements to take notes and exams.

Courtesy is an important part of being a Criminal Justice Professional. Having consideration for your fellow students and the instructor means that interruptions of any nature to lectures and presentations are to be avoided. If you have to leave class during lectures, let me know before class begins.

The use by students of electronic devices that perform the function of a telephone or text message during class-time may be prohibited if deemed disruptive by the instructor to the conduct of the class. Arrangements for handling potential emergency situations may be granted at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to comply with the instructor's policy could result in expulsion from the classroom or with multiple offenses, failure of the course.

Any use of a telephone or text message or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty (see student code of conduct <http://www.shsu.edu/students/guide/StudentGuidelines2010-2012.pdf#page=2>)

**In this class conduct problems will be confronted in the following manner:**

- 1. An egregious offense will result in dismissal from the class in session.**
- 2. Repeated offenses will result in a meeting with the Dean of Undergraduate Students in the College of Criminal Justice and a reduction in the course grade.**
- 3. Unresolved behavior problems will result in a grievance referral to the Dean of Students Office and permanent removal from the course. Any penalties resulting from the referral will be noted on the student's permanent transcript.**

## **VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM:**

Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor disrupts the class they will be asked to leave immediately. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office. All visitors must be approved by the professor.

## **Academic Honesty:**

All students at this University are expected to engage in academic pursuits on their own with complete honesty and integrity. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in the failure of a course and dismissal from the university.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit), the abuse of resource materials, and misrepresentation of credentials or accomplishments as a member of the college. The University's policy on academic honesty and appeal procedures can be found in the manual entitled Student guidelines, distributed by Division of Student Services. (Reference Section 5.3 of the SHSU Student Guidelines).

Disability Student Policy: [http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf\\_www/aps/811006.html](http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html)

Services for Disabled Students: <http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

Student Absences on Religious Holy Day Policy:

<http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.htm#holyday>

## **Use of Cell & Smart Phones, PDA's & Similar Devices:**

Engaging in voice communication using a cell phone or similar communication device during class is prohibited. Leaving the classroom to receive a phone call is prohibited, except with prior approval of the instructor for urgent communications. Device sound alerts should be turned off during class. Engaging in text communication during class is discouraged, although non-disruptive occasional use is permitted. Persistent or extended texting is, however, not allowed. Per University policy communication using any electronic device during an in-class examination is prohibited.

### **Incompletes:**

Except for the gravest of emergencies, a grade of “incomplete” will not be allowed for this course. Any missing grades, whether for examination or assignments, will be assumed to be zeros and will be averaged as such.

### **Reading Assignments:**

Each student is expected to have completed the reading assignments before each class session. Reading the assignments before each class session will enhance the student’s understanding of the lectures.

### **Grading Policy:**

The students understanding of police strategies will be evaluated through exams. The student can expect exams to consist of short answer, essay and multiple choice, and should come to class on exam days prepared with writing implements.

1. During the semester there will be four exams, each worth 100 points each. Expect these exams to be short answer, essay and multiple choice.
2. It is expected that students will come to class prepared to discuss the scheduled topics and regularly participate in class. A quiz may be giving at any time, over the reading assignments.

### **Grading Scale:**

<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Letter Grade</b>
360 - 400	A
320 – 359	B
280 – 319	C
240 – 279	D
Below 240	F

Policy regarding final grades:

Grades will only be rounded to the next grade level if your final percentage grade is at or above 0.5. For example, grades of 79.5, 69.5 would be rounded up to 80 and 70 respectively.

**I do not deviate from this policy and will not change grades arbitrarily.**

### **Make-up Exams:**

Make-up exams will be given. If an exam is missed, the make-up exam will be given, using the essay format. The final exam **MUST** be taken on the scheduled day during finals week. This is University policy; therefore, no exceptions will be made for missing the final exam.

### **Class Schedule:**

Please be advised that the reading schedule and class lectures may vary as some topics take longer to cover than others. Your attendance is important considering there may be changes to the schedule. Reading requirements are testable. So are the lectures. Lectures may not always correspond with the reading assignments.

### **Course Outline**

- AUG. 29**      **Course Introduction**  
*Home Work- Read chapters 1&2*
- SEPT. 05**      **Lecture covering Chapter 1 (Police History),  
Chapter 2 (Organizing Public Security in the United States)**  
*Home Work- Read chapters 3 & 4*
- SEPT. 12**      **Lecture covering Chapter 3 (Organizing the Police  
Department) , Chapter 4 (Becoming a Police Officer)**  
*Homework- Study Chapters 1-4 for Exam One*
- SEPT. 19**      **EXAM ONE- COVERING CHAPTERS 1-4**  
*Homework- Read Chapters 5&6*
- SEPT 26**      **Lecture covering Chapter 5(The Police Role and Police  
Discretion) Chapter 6 (Police Culture, Personality, and Stress)**  
*Homework – Read Chapters 7*
- OCT. 03**      **Lecture covering Chapter 7(Minorities in Policing)**  
*Homework – Read Chapters 8*
- OCT. 10**      **Lecture covering Chapter 8 (Police Ethics and Police  
Deviance)**  
*Homework- Study Chapters 5-8 for Exam Two*
- OCT. 17**      **EXAM TWO- COVERING CHAPTERS 5-8**  
*Home Work- Read Chapters 9&10*

**OCT. 24** **Lecture covering Chapter 9(Patrol Operations) ,Chapter 10(Investigations)**

Home Work- Read Chapters 11&12

**OCT 31** **Lecture covering Chapter 11(Police and Their Clients)**  
**Lecture covering Chapter 12 (Community Policing)**

Homework- Study Chapters 9-12 for Exam Three

**NOV. 07** **EXAM THREE- COVERING CHAPTERS 9-12**

Home Work- Read Chapters 13

**NOV. 14** **Lecture covering Chapter 13 (Police and the Law)**

Home Work- Read Chapters 14

**NOV. 21** **Lecture covering Chapters 14 (Computers, Technology, and Criminalistics in Policing)**

Home Work- Read Chapters 15

**NOV.28** **Lecture covering Chapter 15(Homeland Security)**

Home Work- Study Chapters 13-15 for Final Exam

**DEC. 05** **FINAL EXAM – COVERING CHAPTERS 13-15**  
**8:30P-10:30P**

## **DISABLED STUDENT POLICY:**

[http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf\\_www/aps/811006.html](http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html)

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center . They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>

## **STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: “a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20....” A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

</dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/861001.pdf>