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Police & Society
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Textbooks: *All reading for the course comes from the following two books:*

Roberg, Roy, Novak, Kenneth, Cordner, Gary, & Smith, Brad. *Police & Society*. 6th Edition. Oxford University Press.

References to this book will be by "chapters."

Kappeler, Victor E. (2006). *The Police & Society: Touchstone Readings*. 3rd Edition. Waveland Press.

References to this book will be by "Articles."

Course Description

An examination of the evolution of police in modern society with a special emphasis given to the role of the police play in contemporary society. Current research examining the function of the police will be examined.

Course Objectives

- 1) Understand how concepts and practices of law enforcement have evolved in the western tradition in the United States.
- 2) Place current issues and problems of law enforcement in their historical perspective.
- 3) Demonstrate an understanding of police administration, especially as it pertains to organization, management, and operations.
- 4) Demonstrate an understanding of Police behavior especially as related to ethical and legal perspectives.
- 5) Develop an understanding of modern police issues and demonstrate a working knowledge of one of these issues through written products.

Course Requirements

PowerPoint Introduction (first two days of classes)

Each student will be required to post a 5 slide presentation about themselves. This is our way of introducing ourselves to each other in the class. Slide one should have your name and ideally a picture. Slide two should tell us a little about your background – where you are from. Slide 3 should tell us about your educational background. Slide 4 should tell us about your work background. And slide 5 should tell us about your personal life, something unique about you, hobby's, interests – anything you would like to share with the class.

Discussion Board: Monday 8 a.m. through Midnight Fridays

Each week you will be required to post to the discussion board, monitor the posts, and reply to the posts. The discussion board replaces classroom discussion, so you will need to participate. Discuss and debate the readings assigned for the week, sharing your perspectives and insights into the readings. Highlight issues you have, challenge the conclusions the authors draw from, and consider the research methodology as well. Discussion tangential to the readings is acceptable, only it must pertain to the overall topic being discussed. See the BB page for additional instructions.

Two Session Combined Papers due Saturdays by Midnight

Each week you will be required to write a 4-5 page paper detailing your analysis of the week's readings. The first page, up to 1 and ½ pages should be a review of the articles. Synthesize the key points made in all of the readings, do not try to review each chapter and each article one by one. After focusing your review of the week's readings, the rest of the paper should be your analysis of the readings. See the BB page for additional instructions.

Grading Policy

PowerPoint Introduction =4% of final grade

Written assignments 6 papers 8% each = 48% of final grade

Participation Board Participation Grade 6 sessions 8% each = 48% of final grade

Student Academic Policies:

Go to: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/app/aps-curriculum.html>

Resources

PowerPoint Introduction of Dr. Oliver
Chapters – Main textbook
Articles – reader
Chapter & Lecture Outline
PowerPoint Presentations
Lecture Video
Lecture Audio file
Article Outlines
Virtual Office
Student Lounge
Helpdesk

Police and Society – Class Schedule

Introduction
10/16 - 10/18
Post Personal PPT Introduction & visit with class
Secure books and begin reading

Session 1
10/16 – 10/18
Police in a Democracy
Chapter 1
Articles 1, 5, 6

Session 2
10/18 – 10/20
Police History & Community Policing
Chapters 2, 4
Articles 3, 4, 10, 11

Discuss board 1 & 2 on 10/16 at 8 a.m. to 10/20 Midnight
Session 1 & 2 paper due 10/21 by Midnight

Session 3
10/23 – 10/25
Legal Issues
Chapter 3
Articles none

Session 4

10/25 – 10/27
Police Management
Chapter 5
Articles 27

Discussion board 3 & 4 10/23 at 8 a.m. to 10/27 Midnight
Session 3 & 4 paper due 10/28 by Midnight

Session 5
10/30 – 11/1
Police Organization & Change
Chapters 6
Articles 12, 25

Session 6
11/1 – 11/3
Selection, Development
Chapter 7
Articles 14, 18

Discussion board 5 & 6 on 10/30 at 8 a.m. to 11/3 Midnight
Session 5 & 6 paper due 11/4 by midnight

Session 7
11/6 – 11/8
Field Operations
Chapters 8
Articles 15, 21

Session 8
11/8 – 11/10
Behavior & Misconduct
Chapter 9
Articles 8, 9, 13, 16, 17

Discussion Board 7 & 8 on 11/6 at 8 a.m. to 11/10 Midnight
Session 7 & 8 paper due 11/11 (Happy Veteran's Day!) by Midnight

Session 9

11/13 – 11/15
Force & Coercion
Chapters 10
Articles 7,19,20,22

Session 10
11/15 – 11/17
Accountability, Ethics
Chapter 11
Articles 23, 24

Discussion Board 9 & 10 on 11/13 at 8 a.m. to 11/17 at Midnight
Session 9 & 10 paper due 11/18 by Midnight

11/20 – 11/25 - Thanksgiving

WARNING: LAST WEEK IS A SHORTER WEEK – LOOK AT THE DATES

Session 11
11/27 – 11/28
Stress & Officer Safety
Chapters 13
Articles none

Session 12
11/29 – 11/30
Emerging Issues
Chapters 15
Articles 26, 28, 29, 30

Discussion board 11 & 12 on 11/27 at 8 a.m. to 11/30 at Midnight
Session 13 & 14 paper due 12/1 by Midnight