

Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
Police Systems & Practices
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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:

January

- 18 – Introduction
- 23 – Policing in a democracy (chapter 1)
- 25 – Crime
- 30 – History (Chapter 2)

February

- 1 – Agencies (Chapter 3)
- 6 – Organization (Chapter 4)
- 8 – **Exam #1** (Chapters 1-4)
- 13 – Hiring Process (Chapter 5)
- 15 – Police Academy (Chapter 5)
- 20 – Police Career (Chapter 5)
- 22 – Authority (Chapter 6)
- 27 – Discretion (Chapter 7)

March

- 1 – Culture (Chapter 8)
- 6 – **Exam #2** (Chapters 5-8)
- 8 – **Vollmer Exam #1** (Prologue through Chapter 15)
- 13 – Spring Break
- 15 – Spring Break
- 20 – Strategies (Chapter 9)
- 22 – Patrol (Chapter 10)
- 27 – Investigations (Chapter 11)
- 29 – Use of Force (Chapter 12)

April

- 3 – Line of Duty 1(Chaper 12)
- 5 – Line of Duty 2 (Chapter 12)
- 10 – **Exam #3** (Chapters 9-12)
- 12 – Misconduct (Chapter 13)
- 17 – Accountability (Chapter 13)
- 19 – Stress (Chapter 14)
- 24 – Issues (Chapter 15)
- 26 – **Exam #4** (Chapters 13-15)

May

- 1 – Study Day
- 3 – **Vollmer Exam #2** (Chapter 16 through Epilogue)