

**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
CRIJ 2367- Section 05(21853)  
POLICE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**Readings:**

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

**Course Description:**

This is an introductory course on the role and function of the police in the criminal justice system and the broader society. Emphasis is placed on the development of policing and the roles of the police in contemporary America. Course content will emphasize issues and conflicts inherent in policing a democratic society. As a survey course, it examines the history of the police and the social values and value conflicts that underlay contemporary law enforcement. Moreover, the course includes an examination of important issues and topics.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be familiar with both the practical and philosophical components of the American police force.

Objectives:

**Course Objective:**

This course has three primary objectives:

1. Learn fundamental principles and theories of American police.
2. Gain the factual knowledge of the operations and practices of the police.
3. Know the impact of the importance of external environment on the police.

### **Course Requirements:**

It is expected that students will read the assigned topic prior to class. Students should come to class prepared to discuss the scheduled topics and regularly participate in class.

### **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. A quiz may be giving at any time, over the reading assignments.

### **Grading Scale:**

Percentage	Letter Grade
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.

**STUDENT ACADEMIC POLICIES:**

Concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days may be found at:

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

**USE OF TELEPHONES AND TEXT MESSAGES IN ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES:**

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.

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**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.

**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**

- JAN. 18**      **Course Introduction**  
*Home Work- Read chapters 1&2*
- JAN. 25**      **Lecture covering Chapter 1 (Police History),**  
**Chapter 2 (Organizing Public Security in the United States)**  
*Home Work- Read chapters 3 & 4*
- FEB. 01**      **Lecture covering Chapter 3 (Organizing the Police**  
**Department) , Chapter 4 (Becoming a Police Officer)**  
*Homework- Study Chapters 1-4 for Exam One*
- FEB. 08**      **EXAM ONE- COVERING CHAPTERS 1-4**  
*Homework- Read Chapters 5&6*
- FEB. 15**      **Lecture covering Chapter 5(The Police Role and Police**  
**Discretion) Chapter 6 (Police Culture, Personality, and Stress)**  
*Homework – Read Chapters 7*
- FEB 22**      **Lecture covering Chapter 7(Minorities in Policing)**  
*Homework – Read Chapters 8*
- MAR. 01**      **Lecture covering Chapter 8 (Police Ethics and Police**  
**Deviance)**  
*Homework- Study Chapters 5-8 for Exam Two*
- MAR. 08**      **EXAM TWO- COVERING CHAPTERS 5-8**  
*Home Work- Read Chapters 9&10*
- MAR. 15**      **\*\*\*\*\*SPRING BREAK\*\*\*\*\***  
**NO CLASS**
- MAR. 22**      **Lecture covering Chapter 9(Patrol Operations) ,Chapter**  
**10(Investigations)**  
*Home Work- Read Chapters 11&12*
- MAR. 29**      **Lecture covering Chapter 11(Police and Their Clients)**  
**Lecture covering Chapter 12 (Community Policing)**  
*Homework- Study Chapters 9-12 for Exam Three*
- APR. 05**      **EXAM THREE- COVERING CHAPTERS 9-12**  
*Home Work- Read Chapters 13*
- APR. 12**      **Lecture covering Chapter 13 (Police and the Law)**  
*Home Work- Read Chapters 14*
- APR. 19**      **Lecture covering Chapters 14 (Computers, Technology, and**  
**Criminalistics in Policing)**

Home Work- Read Chapters 15

**APR. 26**

**Lecture covering Chapter 15(Homeland Security)**

Home Work- Study Chapters 13-15 for Final Exam

**MAY. 03**

**MAKE UP DATE**

**MAY. 10**

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

