

**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRIJ 2367- Section 04(22127)
POLICE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES
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CLASS HOURS: **ON-LINE**
CLASSROOM: **ON-LINE**
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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.

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:

Online course requires a special personal discipline to keep up with the work load and make the whole program an enjoyable and enlightening experience. You will not achieve this experience if the requisite reading is not undertaken. Additionally, articles will be posted on the web which you will want to read.

These results go towards your student demonstration of participation. This does not mean that you should read only the required texts and posted articles. During the course, you may be asked to find and post additional web article(s) that, for example, either support or reject a particular theory.

Students are expected to have read the assigned readings prior to each online class module session.

Grading:

Exams – There will be 4 tests worth 100 points each (400 total) (50 questions multiple choice –source of questions - chapter reading)

Assignments and course requirements:

Chapter Reviews – Students will be required to access the 15 chapter reviews online and complete them by the indicated dates for each of the chapters. Each chapter review is worth 20 points (300 total).

Total points available 700.

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:

Students are expected to follow the course schedule. Assignments Will open and close and not reopen.

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:

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

Class Schedule:

This is an online class. All assignments are due by 11:59PM on Sunday night.

JAN. 17 Course Introduction

Review Syllabus and get familiar with assignments and due dates.

**JAN. 21 Chapter 1 (Police History),
Chapter 2 (Organizing Public Security in the United States)**

Home Work- Read chapters 1&2 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 1&2, due no later than 11:59PM on Jan 28

**JAN 28 Chapter 3 (Organizing the Police
Department) , Chapter 4 (Becoming a Police Officer)**

Home Work- Read chapters 3 & 4 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 3 & 4, due no later than 11:59PM on Feb. 04

**FEB. 04 EXAM ONE- COVERING CHAPTERS 1-4
(Due no later than 11:59pm on Feb. 11)**

**FEB. 11 Chapter 5(The Police Role and Police
Discretion) Chapter 6 (Police Culture, Personality, and Stress)**

Home Work- Read chapters 5 & 6 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 5 & 6, due no later than 11:59PM on Feb. 18

FEB 18 Chapter 7(Minorities in Policing)

Home Work- Read chapter 7 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 7 , due no later than 11:59PM on Feb. 25

FEB 25 Chapter 8 (Police Ethics and Police Deviance)

Home Work- Read chapter 8 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 8 , due no later than 11:59PM on Mar. 04

**MAR. 04 EXAM TWO- COVERING CHAPTERS 5-8
(Due no later than 11:59pm on Mar. 11)**

MAR. 11 *******SPRING BREAK*******
NO CLASS

MAR. 18 **Chapter 9(Patrol Operations) ,Chapter 10(Investigations)**

Home Work- Read chapters 9 & 10 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 9 & 10, due no later than 11:59PM on Mar. 25

MAR. 25 **Chapter 11(Police and Their Clients)**
Chapter 12 (Community Policing)

Home Work- Read chapters 11 & 12 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 11 & 12, due no later than 11:59PM on Apr. 01

APR. 01 **EXAM THREE- COVERING CHAPTERS 9-12**
**** (Due no later than 11:59pm on Apr 08)****

APR. 08 **Lecture covering Chapter 13 (Police and the Law)**

Home Work- Read chapter 13 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 13 , due no later than 11:59PM on Apr 15

APR. 15 **Lecture covering Chapters 14 (Computers, Technology, and Criminalistics in Policing)**

Home Work- Read chapter 14 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 14 , due no later than 11:59PM on Apr 22

APR. 22 **Lecture covering Chapter 15(Homeland Security)**

Home Work- Read chapter 15 and complete Review exercises for Chapter 15 , due no later than 11:59PM on Apr 29

APR. 29 **MAKE UP DATE**

MAY 06 **FINAL EXAM – COVERING CHAPTERS 13-15**
**** (Due no later than 11:59pm on May 06)****

Reading Assignments:

Each assignment is due by 11:59pm on Sunday of that week. If you have any problem, please give Tech Support a call and they can assist you in your submission. It is always a good strategy to submit your assignment one hour earlier prior to the deadline. Be aware that Tech Support is available till the mid-night on Sunday.

Student Feedback

This is an online seminar course that requires diligent participation. I will be providing for general feedback in our ANNOUNCEMENT segment of our class on a weekly basis. These are general comments to the class as to how to improve upon the depth and quality of your participation. I will NOT be able to provide individual feedback on a weekly basis. We will have extremely too many posts and too many students to provide for the level of detail. As you have questions, please send them via email. My expectation is that every student will receive a "B". Some will excel and receive an "A". Fewer still may receive a "C".

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.