

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJU 3310 – POLICE IN AMERICA
CRN 80143
SYLLABUS – FALL, 2013
August 16 – December 11**

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Class Times: Monday - Wednesday
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 am
Location: Social Science Building
Classroom 3021

SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An overview of the role of the police in American society, examining such issues as the police role in a democracy, ethnic tensions, unionization, and professionalism, civil disturbances, law enforcement, and police misconduct.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

CRJU 1101

REQUIRED READING:

Peak, Kenneth J. Policing America. Pearson, 2009. 6th Edition

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students are referred to the current KSU catalog for the official policy on class attendance. Regular attendance and participation is expected. Missing three classes will result in the course grade being lowered one grade. Missing four classes will result in a grade of "F". Exception will be made for emergencies or court subpoenas. Emergencies constitute hospitalization of student, immediate family member or child only.

PREPARATION FOR CLASS

Regular class attendance and participation imply preparation. Students are expected to keep current with reading assignments and to demonstrate preparation in both discussions and assigned projects.

Note: Recording of lectures is prohibited without written permission from the instructor.

STUDENT Demeanor AND INTEGRITY

Students are referred to the current KSU catalog, for the official policy on Student Conduct.

COURSE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Each student will be required to attend class regularly, perform well on written examinations.

TESTS

Tests will be administered on the dates identified in the Course Outline. Students will be responsible for material presented in class lectures and discussions as well as the material which is contained in the assigned readings. Additionally, students are responsible for any material presented by guest lecturers.

CELL PHONES AND LANGUAGE TRANSLATORS

Cell phones can be a major detractor in the learning environment. It is required that all cell phones be turned off during class. In the event of an emergency, personnel in the Security office will notify you. **The Security office number is 770-499-6666.**

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section III of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism, cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which may include an informal resolution by a faculty member resulting in a grade adjustment or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject the student to the minimum one-semester suspension required by the Code of Conduct.

CLASS CONDUCT

Offensive statements regarding one's race, sex, creed, national origin, physical or mental disability are not appropriate and will not be tolerated. These statements may be considered a violation of the standards of conduct as stated in the current KSU catalog.

GRADES

Students should refer to the current KSU Catalogue for the official policy on grades. The formula for determining letter grades in this course is as follows:

90-100 = **A** 80-89= **B** 70-79= **C** 60-69=**D** **BELOW 60 = F**

A A grade of "A" will be awarded for work which far exceeds the minimum expectations for the assignment, not only by doing all that is asked, but by demonstrating superior skill, thoroughness, independence of thought, and creativity.

B Grades in the "B" range are very good grades. They indicate above average grasp and mastery of the subject matter, evidenced not only by meeting the basic objectives but also by showing some initiative in pursuing lines of inquiry and some creativity in the use of new understandings.

C Grades in the "C" range indicate that the basic objectives of the course have been achieved, that the student has demonstrated satisfactory mastery of the course material. This grade indicates that the minimum expectations have been met.

D A "D" is assigned to work which is passing but below average competency for college students. A student receiving this grade has not exerted a level of effort or expertise which is expected of the average student.

F An "F" is assigned to work that does not meet the minimum expectations of the course, demonstrates an unjustifiable lack of command over the course material, a significant absence of effort on the part of the student.

Mid-term	45 points
Final Examination	45 points
Attendance and Class Participation	10 points
TOTAL POINTS	100

WITHDRAWALS, INCOMPLETE AND MAKE-UPS

All are discouraged. The official College policies regarding these matters are contained in the current KSU catalog. Make-up tests are painful experiences for everyone, therefore, make-up tests will be given only in the most extraordinary circumstances.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

The following methods of instruction will be used to facilitate learning in this course.

- Lecture
- Class Discussions
- Small Group Interactions
- Textbooks, handouts, etc. are copyright material; therefore there will be **no** recording of lectures without written permission from the instructor.

The syllabus provides a general plan for the course. **Deviation from this plan may be necessary.**

DISABILITY SERVICES

Support services, program accessibility and reasonable accommodations are available to persons with documented disabilities through Disabled Student Support Services. The student must visit this office to begin the process for accessing services and assistance. Please contact them for more information:

Carmichael Student Center Addition, Second Floor, Suite 267
770-423-6443

**FALL, 2013
COURSE OUTLINE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8/19/13 8/21/13	Overview & Syllabus Chapter 1
8/26/13 8/28/13	Chapter 2
9/02/13 9/04/13	Labor Day (no class) Chapter 3
9/09/13 9/11/13	Chapter 4
9/16/13 9/18/13	Chapter 5
9/23/13 9/25/13	Chapter 6
9/30/13 10/2/13	Chapter 7
10/7/13 10/9/13	Chapter 8 Mid-Term Exam
10/14/13 10/16/13	Chapter 9
10/21/13 10/23/13	Chapter 10
10/28/13 10/30/13	Chapter 11
11/4/13 11/6/13	Chapter 12
11/11/13 11/13/13	Chapter 13
11/18/13 11/20/13	Chapter 14
11/25/13 11/27/13	Chapter 15 Fall Break (no class)
12/2/13 12/4/13	Chapter 16 Final Exam