

CRJU 3310 – Section 3 - CRN 83941
Police in America
Kennesaw State University – Paulding Campus
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

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<p><i>Thursdays: 6:30-9:15 p.m.</i> <i>Final Exam Date: December 5th, 2013 at 8:30 p.m.</i> <i>Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty: October 11, 2013</i></p>

Course Description

This course is a survey and overview of policing in the United States, including a description of the historical development of modern policing, the structure and organization of police agencies in the United States and as assessment and analysis of policing in America.

Course Objectives

1. Trace the evolution of policing in the United States.
2. Identify and discuss the types of law enforcement agencies in the United States.
3. Discuss issues related to the nature of police work.
4. Define law enforcement organization and composition.
5. Discuss the relationship between the police and the community.
6. Identify the functions of law enforcement agencies.
7. Contrast crime control, service and order.
8. Discuss police misconduct.
9. Discuss current trends and future possibilities in policing.

Required Text

Policing in America, A Balance of Forces, 4th ed. by Lawrence F. Travis III and Robert H. Langworthy. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers. ISBN-10: 0131580221.

Course Requirements

Students will complete two examinations and write & present one research paper:

- Mid-Term Exam: Includes Chapters 1-10 and lectures.
- Final Exam: Includes Chapters 11-17, lectures and student presentations.
- Research Paper & Presentation: Each student will prepare a short research paper (subject matter assigned by instructor) consisting of a minimum of two type-written, double-spaced, 12-font pages, using either the APA or MLA writing style. Papers will have a minimum of two references. Your paper will be due on the day of your presentation. Late papers will have 10 points per calendar day subtracted from the overall score of the assignment. The subject matter of the paper will then be presented to the class using PowerPoint. Spelling and grammar will be graded on the paper and presentation. The paper and presentation will each be graded and will each carry 50% of the weight of the grade for this assignment. There will be exam questions related to the presentations, so pay attention to your classmates when they present.
- Local Law Enforcement Agency Review Assignment (handed out in class).
- Course attendance is crucial to learning the subject matter of the course. You will earn four points of final exam extra credit for perfect attendance. For every class you miss, one point will be deducted from your final exam score. **Those missing more than three class sessions will have ten points deducted from their overall final average grade.**

Grading

Your final score will be calculated using the following guide:

Local Agency Review	25%	Due September 19
Mid-Term Exam	25%	October 10
Research Paper & Presentation	25%	Due when presented (see syllabus schedule)
Final Exam	25%	December 5 at 8:30 p.m.

Extra Credit

Any additional extra credit may be awarded at the discretion of the instructor. Any extra credit assignment made will be available to all students.

Class Activities

Class time is devoted to discussion, lecture, assignments, and reviews. Changing circumstances may lead to adjustments in course assignments and scheduling.

Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments must notify me as soon as possible. Verification from KSU disabled student support services is required. All discussions will remain confidential.

Academic Honesty

The Undergraduate Catalog contains the general policies, regulations of student life, and the Academic Honesty policy. Read and follow the policy. Plagiarism and cheating benefits no one and will be dealt with swiftly once detected.

***Class Schedule**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
August 22	Class Overview
August 29	Chapters 1 & 2
September 5	Chapters 3 & 4
September 12	Chapters 5 & 6
September 19	Chapters 7 & 8 (local law enforcement agency review <u>DUE</u>)
September 26	Chapters 9 & 10 and Review for Mid-Term Exam
October 3	Current Topics
October 10	Mid-Term Exam
October 17	Chapters 11 & 12
October 24	Chapters 13, 14 & 15
October 31	Current Topics
November 7	Chapters 16 & 17
November 14	Student Presentations
November 21	Student Presentations & Review for Final Exam
November 28	No Class – Fall Break
December 5	Final Exam at 8:30 p.m.

** This schedule is subject to revision at the will of the instructor. The progress of the class will dictate the time frame of the material presented. Adjustments will be made as necessary.*