

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJU 3310 – POLICE IN AMERICA
CRN 81250
SYLLABUS – FALL, 2015
August 17 – December 9**

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Available before class

Class Times: Monday - Wednesday
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 am
Location: Social Science Building
Classroom 2027

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 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The student must be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

Development of Law Enforcement Organizations and procedure for becoming a Police Officer
Various aspects of police work from an individual perspective
Philosophy and strategies of contemporary policing
The difference between Forensic Science and Criminalistics
Trends in the American Criminal Justice System, trends in crime, and societal reaction to these trends

COURSE PREREQUISITES

CRJU 1101

REQUIRED READING:

Peak, Kenneth J. Policing America. Pearson, 2009. 8th 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. In addition, three late arrivals or early departures will constitute one absence.

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. Students will be required to attend an off campus class. Time and date will be announced at a later date.

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.

Tests will be returned to students on the next class period.

Please note: The last day to withdraw from class without academic penalty is October 7, 2015.

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.

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give, or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic-based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without prior permission of the current professor(s).

(<https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-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

Please note: Every effort will be made to have student final grades posted on “Banner” within 24 hours after the final exam

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. The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus at anytime throughout the duration of the semester.

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, 2015
COURSE OUTLINE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8/17/15 8/19/15	Overview & Syllabus Chapter 1
8/24/15 8/26/15	Chapter 2
8/31/15 9/02/15	Chapter 3
9/07/15 9/09/15	Labor Day (no class) Chapter 4
9/14/15 9/16/15	Chapter 5
9/21/15 9/23/15	Chapter 6
9/28/14 9/30/15	Chapter 7
10/5/15 10/7/15	Mid-Term Exam Chapter 8
10/12/15 10/14/15	Chapter 9
10/19/15 10/21/15	Chapter 10
10/26/15 10/28/15	Chapter 11
11/2/15 11/4/15	Chapter 12
11/9/15 11/11/15	Chapter 13
11/16/15 11/18/15	Chapter 14 Chapter 15
11/23/15 11/25/15	Fall Break (no class) Fall Break (no class)
11/30/15 12/2/15	Chapter 16 Chapter 16
12/7/15	Final Exam