

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJU 3310 – POLICE IN AMERICA
CRN 80143
SYLLABUS – SPRING, 2013
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Available before and sometimes after class

Class Times:

Friday

2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Location:

Social Science Building

Classroom 3028

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, professionalism, civil disturbances, law enforcement, and police misconduct.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

CRJU 1101

REQUIRED READING:

Peak, Kenneth J. Policing America. Pearson 2012. 7th Edition

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students are referred to the current KSU catalog for the official policy on class attendance. Regular attendance and participation is expected. If you are going to be absent let me know the week before. I will go over the current Attendance Verification Procedures, per Federal regulations.

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 and perform well on written examinations.

TESTS

Tests will be administered on the dates identified in the Course Outline. Test material will come from the textbook. Students will be responsible for material 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:

$$90-100 = \mathbf{A} \quad 80-89 = \mathbf{B} \quad 70-79 = \mathbf{C} \quad 60-69 = \mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{BELOW 60} = \mathbf{F}$$

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

B A grade of "B" indicates 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 A grade of "C" indicates the basic objectives of the course have been achieved, and the student has demonstrated satisfactory mastery of the course material. This grade indicates the minimum expectations have been met.

D A "D" 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" does not meet the minimum expectations of the course, demonstrates an unjustifiable lack of command over the course material, and 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

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit will be available, and will involve individual gathering of information relating to the subject and be presented in written form Using APA or MLA format. Subject matter can relate directly to the course material, guest speakers presentations or a pre approved topic, of course dealing with criminal justice. Each paper will be two pages, double-spaced, in font 12. Three references must be listed.

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. The last day to withdraw without a penalty is 02/28/14.

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

Course Outline

During the following dates there will be guest speakers and occasional movies, dealing with selected topics. The movies will, of course, deal with Police in America.

01/10/14	Overview, syllabus, Chapter -1
01/17/14	Chapter -2
01/24/14	Chapter- 3

01/31/14		Chapter-4
02/07/14		Chapter -5
02/14/14		Chapter -6
02/21/14		Chapter -7
02/28/14		Chapter -8
03/07/14		MID TERM TEST
03/14/14		Chapter -9
03/21/14		Chapter -10
03/28/14		Chapter -11
03/29/14-04/04/14		SPRING BREAK
04/11/14		Chapter -12
04/18/14		Chapter -13
04/25/14	Last day of class	Chapter -14 & 15
05/01/14-05/07/14		FINAL TEST

I suggest students begin reading as soon as the textbook is acquired. If time allows we will review the material the week before the tests. At the end of each chapter you will find a Summary, Key Terms, Review Questions and Learn by Doing situations. These are a good indications of what to expect on the tests and class activities.

