

CRJU 3310 – Session 3 - CRN 10240
Police in America
Kennesaw State University – Paulding Campus
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

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Wednesdays: 5:00-7:45 p.m.
Final Exam Date: Date & time to be announced
Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty: March 2, 2015

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.

Office Location & Hours

I have no personal on-campus office but I do have access to office space and will make immediate arrangements to meet with any student on-campus during hours which are mutually beneficial.

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.
- Presentation: Each student will prepare a PowerPoint presentation on an assigned law enforcement agency and present it before the class. The presentation's spelling and grammar will be a part of the grade. More details on this assignment will be presented in class.
- 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 February 10
Mid-Term Exam	25%	March 2
Presentation	25%	Due when presented (April 13, 20 or 27)
Final Exam	25%	Date & time to be announced

Grades will be posted on D2L and I will make every effort to have them posted within 48 hours of the completion of the assignment or exam.

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

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student

identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement.

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 the prior permission of the current professor(s).

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
January 13	Class Overview
January 20	Chapters 1 & 2
January 27	Chapters 3 & 4
February 3	Chapters 5 & 6
February 10	Chapters 7 & 8 (local law enforcement agency review <u>DUE</u>)
February 17	Chapters 9 & 10 and Review for Mid-term Exam
February 24	Current Topics
March 2	Mid-term Exam
March 9	Chapters 11 & 12
March 16	Chapters 13, 14 & 15
March 23	Chapters 16 & 17
March 30	Current Topics
April 6	No Class – Spring Break
April 13	Student Presentations
April 20	Student Presentations
April 27	Student Presentations & Preview for Final Exam
May 3-9	Final Exam Date & Time to be Announced

** 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.*