

Sul Ross State University
Department of Criminal Justice
CJ #3304 Wildlife Law Enforcement
Mondays 6 – 8:50PM in MAB 107

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Course Description:

This course covers the application of investigative and evidentiary procedures to wildlife law enforcement; legal basis for wildlife laws; federal and state wildlife laws; roles of wildlife law enforcement in wildlife management. (SRSU Catalog)

Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to understand the history and organization of the Criminal Justice System as related to wildlife law enforcement, the personal side of policing, wildlife law enforcement operations and processes, and current issues involved in wildlife law enforcement.

Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)

- PLO 1.** Demonstrated knowledge of specific areas of the U.S. Constitution as it relates to specific legal liabilities of criminal justice professionals. The ability to identify, assess, and compare Constitutional protections and individual rights and recognize violations of those Rights. Workable knowledge of the most significant legal challenges to criminal justice policy and the resulting changes to those policies.
- PLO 2.** Demonstrate knowledge of Criminological theories, and apply those theories to practical criminal justice events. The ability to identifying a prominent criminological theory within an actual criminal event or simulated criminal event. The ability to compare and contrast the basic concepts of the differing competing Criminological Theories.
- PLO 3.** Working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice and the ability to identify the individual parts of the CJ System. An awareness of the costs associated with the Criminal Justice System, and the ability to recognize and be aware of political influence on the system. The ability to apply historical knowledge of the CJ system and recognize patterns of system change.

Required Text:

Wildlife Law Enforcement, Fourth Edition, by William F. Sigler, McGraw Hill Publishing, ISBN 0-697-20269-

Requirements – Students will:

Attend classes and participate in class discussions. Complete all assignments.
Complete a research paper which will be a minimum of five pages in length covering a topic approved by the instructor related to wildlife law enforcement due prior to the last scheduled regular class. Take and pass all exams and final exam.

Grading:

Final Grades in this course will consist of student's performance in class discussions, tests, a research paper and attendance.

Attendance:

See university policy on attendance.

Qualified students with disabilities needing academic or other accommodations to ensure full participation in the programs, services and activities at Sul Ross State University should contact the Disability Services Coordinator, in Counseling and Prevention Services, Ferguson Hall 112, Box C-117, (837-8203).

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Tentative COURSE DATES

1/26	Introduction, Class Expectations, Select topic for Research Paper
2/2	History of Wildlife Law, Rights of Individuals (Research Paper Topic is Due)
2/9	State and Federal Jurisdiction over Wildlife and Related Issues
2/16	The Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer, TX P&W Code Overview
2/23	Overview of Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden
3/2	Guest Speaker: TP & W Game Warden
3/9	Mid-Term Exam (No class meeting)
3/16-20	SPRING BREAK (No Class meeting)
3/23	Arrests, Searches, and Forensics
3/30	International Wildlife Trade
4/6	Recruitment and Officer Training
4/13	Class Discussions
4/20	Class Discussions
4/27	Research Paper Due
5/4	Last Class Day – Review for FINAL EXAM
5/11	FINAL EXAM