

Sul Ross State University  
Department of Criminal Justice  
CJ #2328 Police Systems and Practices  
FALL 2015  
M 6:00pm - 8:50pm in MAB 107

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Course Description: This course is an introductory study of what police are, what they do, and how they do it.

Objectives: Students will gain a working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice system and the ability to understand police history and organization, the personal side of policing, police operations, and critical issues in policing.

**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: Dempsey, John S., and Linda S. Forst (2014) *An Introduction to Policing 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.* DELMAR CENGAGE Learning ISBN-13: 978-1-133-59470-3 / ISBN-10: 1-133-59470-0

Requirements: Students will attend classes and participate in class discussions. Complete all assignments. Complete chapter summaries and turn in to instructor when due. Take and pass all exams and final exam.

Grading: Final Grades in this course will consist of student's performance in class discussions, tests, and attendance. The Tentative Course Schedule provides the dates for these exams.

Attendance: See university policy on attendance.

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FALL 2015 Tentative COURSE DATES

8/24	M	Introduction, Expectations
8/31	M	Chapters 1 and 2
<b>9/7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
9/14	M	Chapter 3 and Test #1
9/21	M	Chapters 4 and 5
9/28	M	Chapters 6 and 7
10/5	M	Guest Speakers
10/12	M	Chapters 8 and Test #2
10/19	M	Chapters 9 and 10
10/26	M	Chapters 11 and 12
11/2	M	Chapters 13 and Test #3
11/9	M	Guest Speakers
11/16	M	Chapters 14 and 15, Test #4
<b>11/23</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>
11/30	M	LAST CLASS DAY – Review for Final Exam
12/7	M	FINAL EXAM