

Criminal Justice 2321
Crime in the Movies
Wednesday 6:00pm-8:50pm
MAB 107

Instructor: Liza Ware
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2-4 or by appointment
Office: MAB 109
Telephone: 837-8166 (Suzi Belles secretary) 837-8169 (direct)
E-Mail Address: lware@sulross.edu

Course Description: This course will focus on Movies based on true events; there will be fictional movies as well. Following each Film we will have a discussion and quiz. There will not be a midterm or Final exam for this class. It is imperative students attend each class as there will not be any make-up work allowed. There will be assignments throughout the semester based on the films and the true life events, i.e. papers on court cases, perpetrators, victims etc...

Keep in mind Films may contain violence, vulgar language, nudity, graphic scenes etc...

Class Participation:

Students are encouraged to ask questions and express opinions, however, talking among students and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. You may bring beverages to class with you, but not food. Reading outside materials such as newspapers or other course work is not permitted during class time. Students should be prepared to engage in discussion over the film and for possible pop quizzes.

Turn off all cell phones, headphones/I-pods etc...

Attendance:

The Department of Criminal Justice feels very strongly that class attendance is a direct predictor of student classroom success. Therefore, the faculty of the CJ department as a group will enforce the following student attendance policy. This policy does not supersede the SRSU policy on student attendance; it simply reinforces those stated goals. Criminal justice faculty will take class attendance. In accordance with current SRSU policy, when a student misses a total of 9 hours of class, the presumption is that the student will be dropped from that class with an "F". Students who violate the SRSU attendance policy may also find that they are ineligible for any extra credit or any discretionary grading curve applied to any or all exams for that course/semester. It should also be noted that it is the **student's responsibility** to inform the instructor prior to any University event that would cause an absence. Failure of the student to inform the instructor will result in that absence being recorded as **unexcused**. Attendance is important! Attendance demonstrates maturity, responsibility and a serious attitude toward education. Many times students wish letters of recommendation from their instructors. Prospective employers or graduate programs are all interested in a student's class attendance record. Additionally, instructors seldom teach only from the book. Missing a class (even an excused absence) will put you at a disadvantage for all of the materials covered when you were

absent such as films, presentations, and guest lectures which cannot be made up. Attendance will be taken each class meeting; absences cannot be made up. **Students should be in class on time and should be prepared to stay for the entire class period. Students who are late will not be counted as attending if attendance has already been taken.**

Cheating and Plagiarism: Students are expected to do their own work on all tests and papers. Cheating on tests and plagiarism on assignments will result in a grade of “F” on that part of the course, a possible grade of “F” for the entire course, and possible recommendation for suspension from the university.

Plagiarism consists of presenting the work of another as one’s own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source) and submitting examinations or other work in whole or in part as one’s own when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person (see the Student Handbook).

Any student needing special assistance on any aspect of the class needs to see the instructor immediately.

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).

Remember this is a tentative schedule/plan for class; the Professor reserves the right to change whatever she feels is necessary.

Tentative schedule for Crime in the Movies

This is a tentative schedule; films will be adjusted as necessary this is a list of possible films we will be watching

Films:

A Time to Kill

Monster

Dahmer

Zodiac Killer

Goodfellas

Heat of the Night

Untouchables

Henry Portrait of a Serial Killer

Serpico

Casino

Mobsters

Gacy

Seven

American Psycho

Mystic River

Double Indemnity

To Kill A Mockingbird

American History X

Lincoln Lawyer

Fracture

Reservoir Dogs

Pulp Fiction

March 14-18th [SPRING BREAK Enjoy! Be Safe](#)

[May 9-12 Finals Week](#)

[Graduation May 14, 2016](#)

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.