

Sul Ross State University
Department of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice
CJ #3304 W01 Wildlife Law Enforcement
Spring 2016 Web-delivered Course

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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 the 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 0-697-20269-0.

Requirements – Students will:

This is a Blackboard class and students will be expected to participate frequently with class discussions and complete all assignments in a timely manner. Students are responsible for logging into the class frequently to ensure full participation in class. Any technical problems experienced that hinders a student from logging in should be reported to me promptly so that the problem can be fixed, assignments completed and proper credit given. If you are having any problems please email me right away or contact me at the CJ office.

Grading:

Final Grades in this course will consist of student's performance on Discussion Questions, Tests, and one current events summary. All tests must be completed on time as there will be no make-up exams given. The Tentative Course Schedule provides the dates for these exams. The final exam will be available only during finals week and will cover the last three chapters only.

Discussion Questions:

Students will be expected to log in frequently, possibly several times each week, to actively participate in class discussions. Participation will involve responding to each discussion question as well as responding to information posted by other students. Students are required to participate and are expected contribute considerably to discussion boards. Students will need to draw on their own personal experiences, knowledge gained from reading the textbook, prior coursework, and any other source that would make a positive contribution to discussions. Each week there will be 1-2 discussion questions posted on Blackboard. The Assignment section will provide students with the guidelines for discussion content. All responses for discussion shall remain professional and courteous at all times.

Current Events Summary:

As this class will demonstrate, criminal procedure is continuously met with court challenges, changes, modifications and news-worthy incidents covered by news media. Students will be required to select one current event related to criminal procedure, summarize the event and main points associated with it, and post the summary to the discussion board. Each student will be required to comment on at least two of these posts.

Plagiarism:

Integrity is essential in the criminal justice field. Each student is expected and required to do their own work. Any cheating or plagiarism on any assignments in this class will result in a grade of "F".

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).

SPRING 2016 Tentative Course Schedule

Course Introduction (Introduction to assignments and Blackboard, begin reading chapters)

Jan 19 – Jan 22	Read Chapter 1 and Discussion Question 1
Jan 25 – Jan 29	Read Chapters 2 and 3 and Discussion Questions 2 and 3
Feb 1 – Feb 5	Read Chapters 4 and 5, Discussion Questions 4 and 5
Feb 8 – Feb 12	Test 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) Read Chapter 6 and Discussions Question 6
Feb 15 – Feb 19	Read Chapter 7 and Discussion Question 7
Feb 22 – Feb 26	Read Chapter 8 and Discussion Question 8
Feb 29 – Mar 4	Test 2 (Chapters 6, 7 and 8) Read Chapter 9 and Discussion Question 9
Mar 7 – Mar 11	Read Chapter 10 and Discussion Question 10
Mar 14 – Mar 18	SPRING BREAK (No class discussions)
Mar 21 –Mar 24	Read Chapter 11 and Discussion Question 11
Mar 25	Good Friday (No classes)
Mar 28 – Apr 1	Read Chapter 12 and Discussion Question 12
Apr 4 – Apr 8	Read Chapter 13 and Discussion Question 13
Apr 11 – Apr 15	Test 3 (Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13) Read Chapters 14 and 17 and Discussion Questions 14 and 15
	(CHAPTERS 15 and 16 WILL NOT BE COVERED)
Apr 18 – Apr 22	Read Chapter 18 and Discussion Question 16
Apr 25 – Apr 29	Read Chapter 19 and Discussion Question 17 (Last class Day Wednesday, May 6)
May 4	Last Class Day
May 9 – May 12	FINAL Test 5 (Chapters 14, 17, 18 and 19)