

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

CJ-4302: Special Topics in Police Organization and Administration (Spring, 2016)

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Class Times: Monday and Wednesday: 9:00AM – 9:50AM

Friday (Unless otherwise noted in schedule): Discussion board assignment

Required Texts:

Archbold, C. (2013). Policing: A text/reader. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
ISBN: 978-1-4129-9369-2.

Additional required readings will be assigned in class and posted in the CONTENT section of the BlackBoard Courseroom.

Nature of the Syllabus

This syllabus is an academic contract between the instructor and the student. Any oversights, contradictions, or discrepancies will be clarified by the instructor as the oversight is discovered.

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.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Students are expected to do their own work on all assignments and exams. Cheating and plagiarism on assignments will result in a grade of “F” on that part of the course (first offense), a possible grade of “F” for the entire course (second offense).

Students with a Disability

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 Grace Duffy in the Accessibility Services Office, Ferguson Hall 112, Box C-122, (432) 837-8203.

!!!!!!!Important!!!!!!!

Contact Dr. Rubin sooner rather than later if you are having problems with your course work or are in need of special assistance.

Grading:

Exams (2 @ 20% each)	40%
Discussion Questions (10 @ 3%)	30%
Class Activity	10%
Final Exam	20%

Course Requirements:

Mid-Term Exams: Two mid-term exams will be given as noted in the course schedule to verify student’s knowledge of key issues as presented in class and in the textbook. Exams will be approximately 33 questions in length. Exams questions will be presented in multiple choice, true/false, and short answer format.

Discussion Questions: Students will be presented with a discussion question related to the chapter readings and related lecture notes for the week. Discussion questions will become visible each Thursday at 6:00AM. Students are expected to post their initial discussion thread to the associated discussion board NO LATER THAN Friday at 11:59PM Central Time of each week. Your post should be AT LEAST 350 words in length.

Class Activity: In addition to lectures, this course incorporates a hands-on police management activity where students will demonstrate effective labor and management negotiation strategies. Students will prepare an activity and self-evaluation report based on their *assigned* role in the activity.

Final Exam: A non-comprehensive final exam will be given as scheduled by the university. The final exam will be 50 questions in length. Exams questions will be presented in multiple choice, true/false, and short answer format.

NOTE: We will be screening a major motion picture in this class. The movie contains some strong language and brief nudity. Be advised.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (20 – 22 January): Introduction and Overview

Class meets Wednesday and Friday.

Assigned Reading: Reading Assignment is on Blackboard

Week 2 (25 – 29 January): History of Policing

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 1 & Reading 2

Assessment: Discussion Question 1

Week 3 (1 – 5 February): Beyond Routine Patrol

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 2 & Reading 3

Assessment: Discussion Question 2

Week 4 (8 – 12 February): Scope of Law Enforcement

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 3 & Reading 6

Assessment: Discussion Question 3

Week 5 (15 – 19 February): Police Culture

Class meets Monday, Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 4 & Reading 8

Assessment: Discussion Question 4

Week 6 (22 – 26 February): Career Paths

Class meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Assigned Reading: Chapter 5 & Reading 9

Assessment: Exam 1 will be administered on Friday and will cover chapters 1 – 5

Week 7 (29 February – 4 March): Organization and Leadership

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapters 6 & Reading 12

Assessment: Discussion Question 5

Week 8 (7 – 11 March): Police Functions

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 7 & Reading 13

Assessment: Discussion Question 6

Week 9 (14 – 18 March): SPRING BREAK !!!!!!!

Week 10 (21 – 25 March): Class Activity

Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Assigned Reading: Content for Activity posted in Content Section of Blackboard

Assessment: Activity Report and Self-Assessment due to Assignment Section of Blackboard NO LATER THAN 11:59PM on Sunday 3/27/2016.

Week 11 (28 March – 1 April): Police Effectiveness

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 8 & Reading 16

Assessment: Discussion Question 7

Week 12 (4 – 8 April): Liability and Accountability

Class meets Monday and Wednesday, and Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 9 & Reading 18

Assessment: Exam 2 will be administered on Friday and will cover chapters 6 - 9

Week 13 (11 – 15 April): Perceptions

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 10 & Reading 19

Assessment: Discussion Question 8

Week 14 (18 – 22 April): Discretion

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 11 & Reading 22

Assessment: Discussion Question 9

Week 15 (25 – 29 April): Deviance and Ethics

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 12 & Reading 23

Assessment: Discussion Question 10.

Week 16 (2 – 4 May): The Future

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Dead Day Friday.

Assigned Reading: Chapter 13 & Reading 26

Week 16 (2 – 6 May): Future Trends

Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Friday: Dead Day

Assigned Reading: Chapter 13