

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CJ 1302: Introduction to Homeland Security
Fall, 2016**

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Class Time: Monday and Wednesday (11:00AM – 11:50AM)
Friday (As Noted in Class Schedule)
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday (9:00AM – 11:00AM & 2:00PM – 3:00PM)

Required Texts:

Oliver, W., N. Marion, & J. Hill. (2015). Introduction to Homeland Security: Policy, Organization, and Administration. Burlington, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishing. ISBN: 978-1-284-04583-3.

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 Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

SLO 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.

SLO 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.

SLO 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.

Course Description:

This course will introduce students to the organization, structure and function of Homeland Security at the federal, state and local levels as well as in the civilian world. Constitutional issues and special criminal processing will also be discussed.

Cheating and Plagiarism

This is an upper level undergraduate course so everyone should know not to engage in these practices.

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, 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). Plagiarism includes improper use of citations in the research paper, copying from sources without citations, copying without quotation marks, etc.

Students with a Disability

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!!!!!!!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:

Discussion Questions (5 @ 5% each)	25%
Mid-Term Exams (3 @ 15% each)	45%
Class Activity/Project	10%
IS-100.B Certification Course	10%
IS-700.A Certification Course	10%

Course Requirements:

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 on designated Thursdays at 6:00AM. Students are expected to post their essay to the associated discussion board NO LATER THAN Saturday at 11:59PM Central Time of each week. Your post should be AT LEAST 350 words in length.

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 timed (1 hour) and approximately 33 questions in length. Exam questions will be presented in multiple choice.

Class Activity: A Homeland Security-Based simulation will take place as noted in the course schedule. Your self-assessment and reflection is a required part of this course and is due as noted in the Course Schedule.

IS-100.B Certification Course: This course, presented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an online introduction to the Incident Command System. It may be accessed at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b>. Students must take and pass this course and present the certificate to the professor. THIS IS AN ALL OR NOTHING GRADE.

ICS-700.A Certification Course: This course, presented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an online introduction to the Incident Command System. It may be accessed at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>. Students must take and pass this course and present the certificate to the professor. THIS IS AN ALL OR NOTHING GRADE.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (22, 24, 26 August): Introduction & The History of Homeland Security

****CLASS MEETS FRIDAY THIS WEEK****

Assigned Reading: Chapter 1

Week 2 (29, 31 August): Defining Homeland Security

****NO CLASS FRIDAY****

Assigned Reading: Chapter 2

Discussion Question 1 Due

Week 3 (7 September): Modern Terrorism

****NO CLASS FRIDAY****

Assigned Reading: Chapter 3

Discussion Question 2 Due

Week 4 (12, 14 September): Developing a Homeland Security Approach

****NO CLASS FRIDAY****

Assigned Reading: Chapter 4

Discussion Question 3 Due

Week 5 (19, 21 September): The US Dept. of Homeland Security

****NO CLASS FRIDAY****

Assigned Reading: Chapter 5

Assessment: Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 5) will be administered in BlackBoard. The exam will open on Thursday at 12:00Midnight and close at 11:59PM Friday.

Week 6 (26, 28 September): Extending Homeland Security

****NO CLASS FRIDAY****

Assigned Reading: Chapter 6

Assessment: ICS Completion Certificate Due NO LATER THAN 3:00PM on Friday

Week 7 (3, 5, and 7 October): Anti-Terrorism and Counter Terrorism & Developing a National Strategy

****CLASS MEETS FRIDAY THIS WEEK****

Assigned Reading: Chapters 7 & 8

Week 8 (10, 12 October): Threats to Homeland Security & The Homeland Security Cycle

****NO CLASS FRIDAY****

Assigned Reading: Chapters 9 & 10

Assessment: NIMS Completion Certificate Due NO LATER THAN 3:00PM on Friday

Week 9 (17, 19 October): NIMS & ICS

****NO CLASS FRIDAY**

Assigned Reading: Chapter 11

Assessment: Exam 2 (Chapters 6 - 11) will be administered in BlackBoard. The exam will open on Thursday at 12:00Midnight and close at 11:59PM Friday.

Week 10 (24, 26, and 28 October): Class Activity

****CLASS MEETS FRIDAY THIS WEEK****

Assigned Reading: None

Week 11 (31 October – 2 November): Class Activity

****NO CLASS FRIDAY THIS WEEK****

Assigned Reading: None

Assessment: Class Activity Reflection Paper due to BlackBoard Assignment area
NO LATER THAN 11:59pm Saturday.

Week 12 (7, 9 November): Political and Legal Responses to Terrorism

****NO CLASS FRIDAY THIS WEEK****

Assigned Reading: Chapters 12 & 13

Discussion Question 4 Due

Week 13 (14, 16 November): Communication and Technology

Assigned Reading: Chapter 14

Discussion Question 5 Due

Week 14 (21 November): THANKSGIVING WEEK – NO CLASSES THIS WEEK

Week 15 (28, 30 November): Domain Security

Assigned Reading: Chapter 15

Assessment: Exam 3 (Chapters 12 - 15) will be administered in BlackBoard. The exam will open on Friday (2 December) at 12:00Midnight and close at 11:59PM Monday (5 December).