

Domestic Violence Criminal Justice 3316

MAB 107 MWF 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

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**Text:** *Heavy Hands: An Introduction to the Crimes of Intimate and Family Violence 5<sup>th</sup> edition*  
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**Author:** Denise Kindschi Gosselin

**Other material:** Students should be prepared to engage in discussion over any films presented in class and for possible pop quizzes. Current news stories may be discussed in class along with internet feeds of pertinent stories

**Course Description:** Domestic violence, sometimes called domestic abuse, affects men, women and children of all races and social and economic levels. This course help students define domestic violence, recognize some signs of domestic violence, the reasons victims stay with abusers, learn some of the legal issues involved with domestic violence.as well as learn some of the after-effects of domestic abuse and what triggers the abuse.

**Learning Objectives:** What is Domestic Violence?

Who are the Victims?

Who are the Perpetrators/

Recognizing the Signs

Why Victims Stay with Abusers

Legal Issues//What the police and courts can and can't do

**Quizzes:** There will be a quiz after each chapter; quizzes will be vocabulary/spelling, true/false, multiple choice or any variation of. There may be \*pop\* quizzes so be prepared. This text and its subject matter are extremely graphic. Consider this your adult content warning.

**Class participation:** You must read and be prepared for the lecture, class participation will be counted. Attendance is also part of your participation points. Students are encouraged to ask questions and express opinions, however, talking among students and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

**Assignment:** Assignments will range from current news stories, and presentations, to text related assignments. Professor will let you know what is expected when the work is assigned along with the due dates

**Presentations:** There will be presentations throughout the semester which will count as assignments.

**Midterm and Finals Exams:** Exam dates will be announced in class along with the chapters that will be included in the exam

**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 (Catalog page 69-70), 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.

**Reading outside materials such as newspapers or other course work is not permitted during class time**

**Turn off all cell phones, headphones/I-pods etc... This is common sense do not be rude or disrespectful**

**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

**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).

**Grading:**

Chapter Quiz /pop quizzes	20%
Assignments/ Presentations	20%
Midterm	25%
Final	25%
Class Participation	10%

**UG-CJ-SLO1:** Student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of specific areas of the U.S. Constitution as it relates to specific legal liabilities.

**UG-CJ-SLO2:** Student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of criminological theories, and apply those theories to an analysis of practical criminal justice events.

**UG-CJ-SLO3:** Student will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice System, ability to identify the individual parts and costs associated with the Criminal Justice System, and demonstrated knowledge in recognizing the political influences on the CJ system.

*\*Keep in mind that this is a tentative syllabus. The Professor may change, add, delete etc... at any time.*

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<b>Chapter 1</b>	Week 1
<b>Chapter 2</b>	Week 2
<b>Chapter 3</b>	Week 3
<b>Chapter 4</b>	Week 4
<b>Chapter 5</b>	Week 5
<b>Chapter 6</b>	Week 6
<b>Chapter 7</b>	Week 7
<b>Presentations</b>	

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<b>Chapter 8</b>	Week 9
<b>Chapter 9</b>	Week 10
<b>Chapter 10</b>	Week 11
<b>Chapter 11</b>	Week 12
<b>Chapter 12</b>	Week 13
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Week 14
<b>Chapter 13</b>	Week 15
<b>Finals week</b>	

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