

War on Drugs: CJ 4335

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Office Hours By arrangement

Generally, if you have a question about the class, emailing me will get a very quick answer.

Notice – this class requires that you maintain and check your Sul Ross Email Account. All announcements for this course will go to your Sul Ross Email.

Text:

CJ 4302 W01 War on Drugs

(Book 1) The War on Drugs: A Failed Experiment

Paula Mallea

Dundurn Publishing

ISBN: 9781459722897

(Book 2) Drug Lord: A True Story: The Life and Death of
a Mexican Kingpin

3rd Edition

Poppa/Bowden

Cinco Puntos Press

ISBN: 9781933693859

Description:

In this course we will review the public policy concerning the most topical issues on the War on Drugs. We will look at topics: Historical, Cost, Political, Corruption, Legilization.to name a few. This is an upper level course, therefore, expectations for student performance is high.

Evaluation:

1. Mid-Term	25%
2. Presentation	25%
3. Discussion Board	25%
4. Final	25%

Undergraduate Criminal Justice Student Learning Objectives

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.

Distance Education Statement: Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. ***[If the course requires students to take proctored exams or to purchase additional software or equipment, please describe those requirements here.]*** The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Mary Schwartz, M. Ed., L.P.C., in Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Telephone: 432-837-8691. E-mail: mschwartz@sulross.edu .

Exams:

Mid-Term

The **mid-term** will open on **Monday, March 20th**, 2017. The test will be placed on Blackboard and you will have 4 hours to complete the exam from the time you begin. The test will be a 50 question, multiple-choice exam covering Book 1

Final

The **final exam** will open on **May 5th**, 2017. The test will be placed on Blackboard and you will have 4 hours to complete the exam from the time you begin. The test will be a non-comprehensive 50 question, multiple-choice exam Book 2.

Video Presentations: The month of April

Each student will be assigned a video for their presentation during the Month of April. The presentation will consist of a review and critique of the assigned video. The student will relate the subject matter contained within the video with topics that have been discussed in the course.

Your presentations will be placed on the Discussion Boards on the thread assigned for you. This presentation is intended to simulate classroom discussion and each student is required to make comments on the presentations that are given. **All Video presentations must be**

completed by April 25th and all comments, must be completed by May 1st.

Discussion Board

In addition to the presentations and student comments there will be questions placed in the message boards to simulate classroom discussion. Each student is required to respond to these questions and answer any questions raised by other students. Make sure that you check the Message boards often to keep up with the discussion threads.

This is a large part of your grade, please note the following:

This is a "Discussion" Board, not a post a quick comment and leave board. Comments such as "I agree", "Good Post", or similar one liner are not going to be considered posts. Your post **MUST** stimulate a discussion. Additionally, using "texting" speak is not appropriate, and those posts will not be considered for grade. The "introductions" thread is just that. Just post something about yourself.

This is a upper level course, so you have the option of presenting a different view, even one you do not agree with! Mix it up. Present opposing points of view. Get after each other but **KEEP IT CIVIL.**

Get a discussion going, and get involved in that discussion.

The **Discussion threads will stay open for only one week.** If you do not post and miss the question, you have lost any credit for that posting.

Tentative Outline

This may change depending on the development of the class over the Semester

Week of:

January

22nd Historical Overview

29th The role of the Media in the War on Drugs

February

5th Public Support for Drug interdiction

12th Public Support for Drug interdiction

19th The politics of The Drug War

26th The politics of The Drug War

March

5th The politics of The Drug War - International

13th **Spring Break**

19th Midterm

19th The politics – U.S.A.

26th The politics – U.S.A.

April

2nd Mexico

9th Mexico

16th Mexico

23rd Review

30th Review

May

5th **Final Exam**