

CJ 2323: Aspects of Law Enforcement
Sul Ross State University - Fall 2020

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Required Texts

- 1) Jeffery T. Walker & Craig Hemmens (2019). Legal Guide for Police: Constitutional Issues, 11th Edition, Routledge. ISBN: 9780367023249
- 2) Rolando V. del Carmen & Jeffery T. Walker (2020). Briefs of Leading Cases in Law Enforcement, 10th Edition, Routledge. ISBN: 9780367146924
- 3) Additional readings (e.g., articles, reports) will be posted on Blackboard.

Regarding scientific journal articles, Byrian Wildenthal Memorial Library of SRSU has an extensive database infrastructure. You can get detailed information and advising from libraries website <https://library.sulross.edu> Once you logged in to your Sul Ross Account on Blackboard you should be automatically connected to the library webpage as well. Thus, you can browse the online databases of the University and reach the articles on the additional reading list. The Sul Ross Library offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website. Off-campus access requires your LoboID and password. Check out materials using your photo ID. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or phone (432-837-8123).

Course Description

This course will explore police authority and responsibilities regarding criminal procedure as well as constitutional restraints. Students will study the theory, laws, and practices of arrests, searches, and seizures as individual concepts and the interrelationship of the three components within the criminal justice system. The course also covers constitutional and statutory limitations on the proper authority of law enforcement to perform these tasks. Related contemporary issues dealing with the use of force and the exclusionary rule will be discussed. Discussion will also include the criminal and civil liability that result from improper acts and/or the failure to act on part of police.

Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- be able to understand police authority, the court system and process, sources of rights, and the law of arrest, search and seizure developed through court decisions that impact and form the way police officers do their jobs.
- have an established knowledge of specific areas of the U.S. Constitution as it relates to specific legal liabilities of criminal justice professionals, in particular police officers.
- gain the ability to identify, assess, and compare Constitutional protections and individual rights and recognize violations of those Rights.
- have a workable knowledge of the most significant legal challenges to criminal justice policy and the resulting changes to those policies.

Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

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.

General Classroom Policies

Students are encouraged to attend the class, ask questions and express opinions; however, talking among students and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. You may bring beverages to class with you, but not food. Reading outside materials such as newspapers or other course work is not permitted during class time. Students should be prepared to engage in discussion over the assigned readings, and for possible pop quizzes. Electronic devices are never allowed to use in class in a way to distract the instructor and other students. Keep your mobile phone in silent mode, otherwise switch it off. There will be one general rule in class which applies to all situations. This is also called “golden rule”. TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.

Students are expected to respect their classmates' and instructors' privacy and the work or comments they produce. All assignments you submit or tests you take must be your own work unless you have been requested that you work in groups. You may not submit work that is plagiarized or violates copyright laws.

Course Assessment

1 - Quizzes (100 points total): Every two weeks there will be a quiz for the related chapters. There will be 5 quizzes in total. Quiz dates are indicated in the weekly course schedule. Each quiz will have different points and you will get 100 points in total.

2 - Midterm Exam and Final Exam (100 Points each): There will be a midterm exam and a final exam in this class. These exams will cover the assigned chapters and other relevant material covered in the course up to the date of the examination. The final exam will be cumulative, which means that the material from the entire course will be covered. Each of these exams will be worth 100 points. No make-up test will be given, unless an uncontrollable emergency or illness arises (written proof required).

3 - Presentation (50 points): Each student will be required to prepare and make a (video / in-class) presentation. This will be an individual presentation assignment. Presentations should be on course related topics. You will be given a detailed handout about the presentations in couple of weeks.

4 - Attendance (20 points): Attendance is important! Attendance demonstrates maturity, responsibility and a serious attitude toward education. I believe that regular and punctual attendance is an integral part of the learning process. Attendance will be taken daily and absences cannot be made up. Students should be in class on time and should be prepared to stay for the entire class period. If I have begun class by the time you enter, you should make sure that I counted you as present by checking with me after class.

In accordance with current SRSU policy, when a student misses a total of 9 hours of class (6 classes), the presumption is that the student will be dropped from that class with an "F". Please note 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.

Below is the points that you will receive as your attendance grade:

Full attendance	: 20 points	3 Missed classes	: 8 points
1 Missed class	: 16 points	4 Missed classes	: 4 points
2 Missed classes	: 12 points	5 Missed classes	: 0 points

6 Missed classes: Your final grade will be "F" according to SRSU Attendance Policy

Academic Integrity

Sul Ross State University students are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the “[Sul Ross Student Code of Conduct](#).” Student Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, Procedures, and Rights are found in the University website.

Sul Ross State University and the instructor of this course both place a high priority on the academic integrity of their student scholars. As a result, all institutional guidelines and instructional policies concerning academic integrity will be strictly and uniformly enforced with all students regardless of context.

Academic integrity includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, fabrication, obtaining an unfair advantage, and falsifying academic records. In addition, academic dishonesty can include both actions and omissions to act in regards to academic exercises and activities. Cheating is defined here as:

the obtaining of information (electronic or otherwise) during an examination, the unauthorized use of books, notes, or other sources of information prior to or during an examination, the unauthorized use of books, the removal of faculty examination materials, the alteration of documents or records, or actions identifiable as occurring with the intent to defraud or use under false pretenses.

Collusion is defined here as:

helping other students engage in acts of academic dishonesty, whether the student involved obtains any direct academic advantage from these acts.

Plagiarism is defined here as:

the submission of the ideas, words, or artistic productions of another, without giving due credit or when attempting to falsely represent them as one’s own.

Student Support Services

Sul Ross State University has established a variety of programs to help students meet the challenges of college life. Support to students includes advising, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and writing assistance. For a complete list of academic support services, visit the Student Support Services at <https://www.sulross.edu/section/311/student-support-services>. For more information, students are encouraged to contact SSS at (432) 837-9118 or visit Ferguson Hall Room 105.

Students with Special Needs - Americans with Disabilities Act as Amended (ADAAA)

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Rebecca Greathouse Wren, LPC-S, SRSU’s Accessibility Services Coordinator at 432-837-

8203 (please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email rebecca.wren@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall (Suite 112), and our mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

Late Assignment Submission Policy

Students are supposed to finish their coursework on time and assignments must be submitted before the deadlines. In principle, I do not accept late work and do not believe in allowing students to turn in work after the due date. My position is that everyone knows the rules of engagement at the beginning of the term and that it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they plan accordingly to submit their assignments and take their exams in a timely manner.

If an assignment/exam is missed or late the students are expected to show an appropriate cause for this issue. Late assignments will not be accepted unless there is an excuse that is recognized by the university. Students are encouraged to frequently review the syllabus and remain aware of the deadlines for all assignments and exams.

Departmental Bachelor's Degree Program Marketable Skills

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) sets statewide goals through the 60x30TX initiative. The THECB plan includes four major goals in 60x30TX: Educated Population, Completion, Marketable skills, and Student debt. The [60x30TX](#) plan was designed to tie together all four student-centered goals. 60x30, which measures the educated population in Texas, is the overarching goal at the center of the plan and calls for 60 percent of 25- to 34-year-olds in Texas to hold a credential or degree by 2030. The 60x30 goal is supported by the other three goals (completion, marketable skills, student debt) that will get Texas to 60 percent by 2030.

By 2030, all graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills. Students who can effectively market their skills to potential employers can secure employment that pays competitively. Marketable skills include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and are primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. Marketable skills are often called "employability skills" in other countries, or "transferable skills" here in the states. They include both technical and soft skills.

The marketable skills of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice BS Program are listed as follows:

1. Students Develop Verbal and Written Communication Skills.
2. Students Access Resources with Crime Data and Work with Numbers and Demonstrate Quantitative Skills.
3. Students Use Critical Thinking and Observation.
4. Students Use Teamwork and Work Collaboratively.
5. Students Develop Multicultural Understanding.
6. Students Analyze the Factors Contributing to Crime.
7. Students Know Legal Codes & Procedures and Safety.

Other Course Expectations

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- Remember that this is a college course, therefore, college level work will be expected which includes proper APA format, proper grammar, sentence structure, and organizational structure.
 - Review the syllabus so that you may be aware of assignments and papers; contact me for any clarifications.

Grading

5 Quizzes	100 points
1 Midterm Exam	100 points
1 Final Exam	100 points
1 Presentation	50 points
Attendance	20 points
Total	<u>370 points</u>

Final Grading Scale

- A 370 - 333**
- B 332 - 296**
- C 295 - 259**
- D 258 - 222**
- F 221 & below**

Weekly Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Topics	Assignments
1	August 24-30	Course Introduction & Requirements Introduction	Syllabus Textbook Chapter 1
2	August 31 - September 6	Introduction	Textbook Chapter 1
3	September 7- 13	Results of Failure to Comply with Constitutional Mandates	Textbook Chapters 2 Quiz # 1
4	September 14- 20	Police Power and Limitations	Textbook Chapters 3
5	September 21- 27	Police Authority to Detain	Textbook Chapters 4 Quiz # 2
6	September 28 - October 4	Law of Arrest	Textbook Chapters 5
7	October 5-11	Law of Arrest	Textbook Chapters 5 Quiz # 3
8	October 12-18	Search and Seizure with Warrant	Textbook Chapter 6
9	October 19-25	Search and Seizure without Warrant Midterm Exam	Textbook Chapter 7 Midterm Exam
10	October 26 - November 1	Search and Seizure without Warrant	Textbook Chapter 7
11	November 2-8	Specialized Searches without a Warrant: Vehicles, Dogs, and Technology	Textbook Chapter 8 Quiz # 4
12	November 9-15	Questioning Suspects	Textbook Chapters 9
13	November 16- 22	Pretrial Identification Process	Textbook Chapters 10 Quiz # 5
14	November 23- 29	Taking the Law to the Streets Thanksgiving Day Holiday	Textbook Chapter 11
15	November 30 - December 2 December 2 December 3 December 4	Taking the Law to the Streets Last class day before finals Dead Day Final Exam	Textbook Chapter 11
16	December 7	Final Paper due	

End of Course Evaluations

Student evaluations of faculty are administered online at the end of each term/session for all courses with five or more students. Students will receive an email containing a link to a survey for each course in which they are enrolled. All responses are anonymous.

****Syllabus is subject to updates and changes by announcement, always look to the course announcements and reminders for updates. The faculty member reserves the right to amend this syllabus as needed****