

Sul Ross State University
CJ 4369/CRIM 4369
Special Topics: Crime Analysis
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Classroom and Class Time: ONLINE CLASS (M/W 6pm).

Required Text: Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy by Mark Lowenthal (9th Ed).

Course Description: This course will provide a broad overview of intelligence and crime analysis. More specifically, this course will introduce the student to several applicable skills, methodologies, and provide thorough and real-world applications to crime analysis/criminal intelligence analysis. This course will include methodologies to deal with (1) analysis of crime in time, (2) analysis of crime in space, (3) analysis of crime targets and victims, (4) intelligence analysis, (5) and intelligence collection platforms.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

CO 1: Describe the historical evolution of the intelligence community, intelligence in law enforcement.

CO 2: Examine various theoretical definitions and practical methodologies involved in intelligence and crime analysis.

CO 3: Be able to explain the concepts of community policing, problem- oriented policing, and intelligence-led policing.

CO 4: Develop competencies in the crime analysis process, application, data, and technology.

CO 5: Learn, examine, and discuss the different theoretical foundations of crime analysis.

CO-6 Understand the definition and importance of administrative crime analysis and crime analysis for accountability.

CO-7 Develop competencies in crime mapping, link diagrams, flow charting.

Marketable Skills:

This course is designed to help students build various marketable skills to use in their careers as future criminal justice professionals. Specifically, in this course, the following marketable skills will be emphasized:

MS 1 – Verbal and written communication skills.

MS 2 – Critical thinking and observation.

MS 3 – Multicultural understanding.

MS 4 – Accessing resources to extrapolate crime data.

MS 5 – Examine legal codes.

MS 6 – Working in teams.

MS 7 – Examining the static and active factors contributing to crimes.

Tentative Course Outline: The following schedule is tentative. We will sometimes have to carry over our discussion into a subsequent Module. It is your responsibility to keep apprised of the schedule of readings as we progress through the semester. The exam dates are set out below.

Course Topics and Online Lectures:

Week	Reading Assignments	Assignments
Week 1	Read Lowenthal Ch 1-2	Class Introductions, DB, Short Paper 1
Week 2	Read Lowenthal Ch 3-4	DB 2
Week 3	Read Lowenthal Ch 5-6	DB 3, Short Paper 2
Week 4	Read Lowenthal Ch 7-8	DB 4, Crime Report 1
Week 5	Read Heuer Ch 1-3	DB 5,
Week 6	Read Heuer Ch 4-5	DB 6, Short Paper 3
Week 7	Read Guide to Fallacies	DB 7,
Week 8	Read Guide to Critical Thinking	DB 8, Crime Report 2
Week 9	Read Heuer Ch 8, excerpts from SATs	DB 9, Short Paper 4
Week 10	Read Crime Theories	DB 10, Crime Report 3
Week 11	Read Phone Analysis	DB 11,
Week 12	Read Financial Analysis	DB 12,
Week 13	Read Link/Flow Analysis	DB 13, Crime Report 4
Week 14	Text Conclusion	DB 14,
Week 15	Class Conclusion	Final Exam DUE

Examinations: The examinations will cover material from the readings, lectures, and other material presented in the course. Final Exam may consist of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions and/or true/false type questions. This final exam will be 25% of your course grade. Short Papers (4) together account for 20% of your grade and the Crime Reports (4) count for another 20% of your grade. The 14 Discussion Boards will count for 35% of your grade.

Calculation of Your Final Grade:

Crime Reports 1-4	20%
Discussion Boards 1-14	35%
Short Papers 1-4	20%
Final Exam	25%
Total Points	100%

Grading Scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

SRSU LIBRARY SERVICES

Additional readings (e.g., articles, reports) will be posted on Blackboard. Regarding scientific journal articles, BYRIAN WILDENTHAL MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY has an extensive database infrastructure. You can get detailed information and advice from libraries website <https://library.sulross.edu/#>

Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or phone (432-837-8123).

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 reading list.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance and online activity is critical in this course. 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, 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. 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 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. Students who are late will not be counted as attending if attendance has already been taken.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT:

"I aim to create a learning environment for my students that supports a diversity of thoughts, perspectives and experiences, and honors your identities (including race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, ability, socioeconomic class, age, nationality, etc.). I also understand that the crisis of COVID, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events could impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create an inclusive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you."

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND BLACKBOARD HELP DESK

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 <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. For Blackboard help visit <https://www.sulross.edu/bb/> (or call 432-837-8523) (M-F 09:00 am-06:00 pm). You can get The Distance Education Handbook at <https://tvpb.sulross.edu/start/index.html>

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SRSU Disability Services. 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 Mary Schwartze Grisham, M.Ed., LPC, 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 mschwartz@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.