

Police & Society
CRJU – C235 – 051

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Required Text:

Carter, D.L. (2002). The Police and the Community (7th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Course Description:

This course, Police & Society, is an innovative academic perspective on the role and practice of police in the contemporary United States. The class will read and discuss relevant literature pertaining to the philosophy, sociology, psychology, and technology of modern law enforcement.

The course is intended to expose students to a variety of differing perspectives on the role and function of police in a democratic, multicultural society. Various problems facing the police such as public misperceptions, corruption, violence, and internal affairs will be utilized in an effort to demonstrate the more practical side of law enforcement as it pertains to the community as a whole. In addition, students will develop a better understanding of the history of law enforcement in a democratic society, the psychological underpinnings of police socialization, and the cultivation of relations with the general public.

Attendance & Participation:

Class attendance is expected. The summer schedule is somewhat fast paced. A student cannot realistically expect to pass the course without attending each session.

Exams:

Due to the abbreviated nature of this course there will only be 2 exams for the term. The mid-term and final exam are both worth 100 points each. Apart from the scheduled exams, students will be asked to complete 3 small writing assignments during the course of the summer term. Each of the writing assignments will be worth 25 points.

Grading:

There will be 2 exams proctored during the course of the summer term. Both exams are worth 100 points. The 3 writing assignments are worth 25 points each. The grading scale is found below,

A 90% [275 – 247.5]
 B 80% [247.4 – 220]
 C 70% [219 – 192.5]
 D 60% [192.4 – 165]
 F 59% and Below [164 and Below]

Make-Up Exams:

Make-ups will be scheduled at the instructor's discretion. Any student wishing to schedule a make-up must contact the instructor PRIOR to the regularly scheduled exam. The best means by which to contact the instructor is via e-mail.

Class Schedule:

May 31: Introduction
 Chapter 1: Foundation
 Chapter 2: The Concept of Community Alliance

June 7: Chapter 3: Community Policing: Milestones and Fundamentals
 Chapter 4: Ethics and the Police

June 14: Chapter 5: The Role Dilemma of the Police
 Chapter 6: Role and Professionalism
Writing Assignment #1 Due
Mid-Term Examination: Chapters 1 - 4

June 21: Chapter 7: Role and Police Discretion
 Chapter 8: The Self-Image of the Police Officer

June 28: Chapter 9: The Public Image of the Police
 Chapter 10: Perception, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values
Writing Assignment #2 Due

July 12: Last Day!
Writing Assignment #3 Due
Final Exam: Chapters 5 - 10