



CRIM 2313: Police and Society

Fall Semester, 2021

Course Navigation

Welcome to the course!

Before you begin work, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with this eLearning course. The course is online in an asynchronous format, i.e., you do not have to come to campus and you do not have to be online at the same time as your professor or classmates. You can complete your course by navigating around the eLearning **CRIM 2313.0W1** homepage that has links to Pearson's Revel products associated with the book we will be using in this class. . We will utilize the discussion, mail, announcement, who's online, and my grade tools which are all available to you on the menu on the homepage. In addition, we will be using interactive videos and other student learning resources, hosted by Pearson's Revel website.

If you have any questions about how to access any of the course materials or assignments, please email me at rwtaylor@utdallas.edu. You must check your email in the ELearning course site at least twice per week for emails and announcements. Remember this is your classroom so please feel comfortable asking me any questions which you would ordinarily ask in class.

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Telephone: 972-883-4959 (office) or 972-529-7890 (cell) – The best way to contact me will be via my cell phone or email. Please note I will be on Pacific Standard Time (2 hours earlier than DFW time) most of the semester, so early morning phone calls are discouraged. Students are strongly encouraged to use email as the primary method of communication. Your professor checks email several times per day and you can normally expect a response within 24 hours or sooner.

Office Hours: Students should feel free to contact me at any time by email. Appointments may be arranged at times available to both student and professor for those requiring an in-person visit. *Please note that I will be travelling much of the semester – “in and out” of the DFW area, in addition, COVID-19 restrictions may prevent a physical meeting. However, we can certainly meet via BlackBoard Collaborate or MS Teams, or even Zoom if need be.*

Technical Support: If you experience difficulties with your UTD account you may send an email to assist@utdallas.edu or call the UTD Computer Helpdesk at 972-883-2911.

Course Modality, Description, Participation and Expectations

This course **will be presented entirely online, that is all instruction and testing will be online presented via the UT Dallas Blackboard eLearning System.** The course introduces students to the foundations, issues and challenges confronting American police and society. The course examines today's most current issues and topics including the movement from more traditional to evidence-based policing strategies, the organization of police in the United States, the police subculture, police discretion and behavior, police deviance, legal issues, police use of force, and the challenges of policing in an era of international terrorism. The latest advances in police technologies, strategies and tactics are also presented. The course is designed for students wanting to understand the role and function of police in society as well as who police are, what they do and how they do it.

This is an introductory course that uses a variety of digital products to enhance student learning, including access to the entire book via a digital format. Students will be required to read, view and study all assignments in each of the modules presented within the class. Assessment will be based on student performance on four examinations and two written discussion assignments. Regular class participation is expected regardless of course modality. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. A portion of the grade for this course is directly tied to your participation in this class. It also includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures (and/or labs). Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The course is presented by a law enforcement veteran and consultant with extensive experiences in almost all areas of American policing.

COVID-19 Guidelines and Resources

These are certainly interesting in which we live. Please refer to the University's COVID-19 resources for students at: <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies>.

Class Recordings

Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

The instructor may record meetings of this course. Any recordings will be available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. If the instructor or a UTD school/department/office plans any other uses for the recordings, consent of the students identifiable in the recordings is required prior to such use unless an exception is allowed by law. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Class Materials

The Instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Textbooks and Online Resources

Students are required to have either physical or digital access to the following text included in Pearson's Revel products as well as access to eLearning products relating to the following book:

Policing, 3rd edition, by John L. Worrall and Frank Schmalleger, (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2018), ISBN-13 9780134453569

Get started by following directions for **Student Registration Instruction** at:

https://media.pearsoncmg.com/long/CEPM.selfpaced/FDOCs/Student_Registration_REVEL_BB.pdf

It is not necessary to purchase the physical, or paper bound book for this class... Pearson's REVEL Product includes the book in digital format. However, some students may feel more comfortable with a traditional book. If you prefer to have a physical book, I strongly recommend that you **also** purchase **Revel for Policing (Justice Series) – Instant Access**. This digital product has a number of interactive learning resources (such as author explanatory videos, point/counterpoint videos, simulation, and chapter quizzes) that peak student interest and learning. This product can be purchased via the Pearson REVEL website:

<https://www.pearson.com/store/p/policing-justice-series-P100001430255/9780134453620>

You may also want to get the REVEL mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Note also that textbooks and other bookstore materials can be ordered online or purchased at the [UT Dallas Bookstore](#)

Please note that none of the interactive learning resources are graded...they are strictly used to peak student interest and enhance student learning.

Technical Requirements

In addition to a confident level of computer and Internet literacy, certain minimum technical requirements must be met to enable a successful learning experience. Please review the important technical requirements on the [Getting Started with eLearning](#) webpage.

Course Access

This course can be accessed using your UT Dallas NetID account on the [eLearning](#) website. Please see the course access and navigation section of the [Getting Started with eLearning](#) webpage for more information. To become familiar with the eLearning tool, please see the [Student eLearning Tutorials](#) webpage. UT Dallas provides eLearning technical support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The [eLearning Support Center](#) includes a toll-free telephone number for immediate assistance (1-866-588-3192), email request service, and an online chat service.

Communication

This course utilizes online tools for interaction and communication. Some external communication tools such as regular email and a web conferencing tool may also be used during the semester. For more details, please visit the [Student eLearning Tutorials](#) webpage for video demonstrations on eLearning tools. Student emails and discussion board messages will be answered within 2 working days (or sooner) under normal circumstances.

Distance Learning Student Resources

Online students have access to resources including the McDermott Library, Academic Advising, The Office of Student AccessAbility, and many others. Please see the [eLearning Current Students](#) webpage for more information.

Server Unavailability or Other Technical Difficulties

The University is committed to providing a reliable learning management system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and also contact the online [eLearning Help](#) Desk. The instructor and the eLearning Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

Student Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, the student should be able to:

- Outline the origins of policing
- Summarize various eras of policing
- Outline the emergence of state and federal law enforcement agencies and describe their organization and role
- Summarize the role of police in American society; describe various functions of policing
- Describe the trends and issues associated with private as well as public policing
- Identify the nature and cause of stress in policing; explain the police subculture
- Describe police discretion and the factors that affect police decision-making
- List the issues and challenges associated with undercover work
- Define traditional policing, community policing, intelligence-led policing and evidence-based policing
- Discuss how terrorism has impacted policing in the U.S.
- Discuss the Constitution provision (4th, 5th, and 14th Amendments) that apply to police officers conducting an arrest, search and seizure, and/or interrogation of suspects
- Identify the main avenue for civil litigations against the police; how can police be more accountable
- Identify and list the typologies of police deviance; discuss methodologies of controlling it
- Discuss the various levels of force used by the police and identify ways to alleviate excessive force

More on Examinations, Assignments and Grades

Introductions: Students should go to the discussion board and post a brief introduction about themselves during the **first week of class**. Please do not post addresses or other personal contact information on the discussion board. Give a brief summary about yourself including what year you are in, your major, and any future career goals if you have formulated them. Introductions are not graded assignments

Syllabus Quiz: All students are required to complete the syllabus quiz within the first two weeks of class by the due date specified in the Course Calendar and Assignment section of this syllabus. The Syllabus Quiz is not a graded assignment.

Examinations: All examinations will be taken online via the eLearning system. You will have 60 minutes to answer 40 multiple choice questions worth ½ point each. Exams are open book and will cover the required readings and lectures for each module.

Grades: Are based on the following scale: A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, D=69-60, F=59 and below. Online Discussion Assignments received after the due date time are marked down one letter grade for every day the assignment is late / half a letter grade if the paper is submitted late on the same day. Grades are based on the above exams and assignments (due dates are in the Course Calendar & Assignment Schedule and later in this syllabus). **Please note that there is absolutely no extra credit work available in this class** and each student should strive to do his or her best work on each and every grading event as the course progresses. **The mathematical rule of rounding will apply to the computation of the final grade** in the course based on the grades received in the following events.

Examination Schedule

Examinations and Assignments	
MODULE 1 EXAM: Covering all of Module 1 and Chapters 1-3 (Multiple Choice) Available February 8, 2021 at 8:00 am Due on February 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm	20 points
MODULE 2 EXAM: Covering all of Module 2 and Chapter 4-6 (Multiple Choice) Available March 8, 2021 at 8:00 am Due on March 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm	20 points
MODULE 3 EXAM: Covering all of Module 3 and Chapters 7-9 (Multiple Choice) Available April 12, 2021 at 8:00 am Due April 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm	20 points
MODULE 4 EXAM: Covering all of Module 4 and Chapters 10-13 (Multiple Choice) Available May 3, 2021 at 8:00 am Due May 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm	20 points
Online Discussion Assignments (see Course Calendar and Elearning for additional directions)	20 points (10 points each)
TOTAL POINTS	100 Points for the Semester

Academic Support Resources

The information contained in the following link lists the University's academic support resources for all students.

Please go to [Academic Support Resources](#) webpage for more information.

Course Calendar and Assignment Schedule

Please note that all chapter reading assignments made in this assignment schedule refer to readings in the required textbook, *Policing, 3rd edition*, (above). To prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, the UTD Academic Calendar for Fall 2020 semester classes has been altered and shortened by about one week. Hence, this class will begin on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021** and end on **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

Please be aware that exams are open book and will be accessible for a period of one work week beginning five days prior to the due date. Because of this large amount of time, make-up tests are not permitted. Early completion of all graded events is highly encouraged to avoid late penalties.

In addition, please note that this class will require the viewing of several movies and/or videos that are available online (YouTube, Hulu, Netflix and/or Amazon Video). You must have the ability to access the movies/videos referred to in the Discussion Assignments to successfully pass this course. Students are also responsible for any other additional readings, videos, and lectures listed in this syllabus and the eLearning site.

Module	READING	
0	GETTING STARTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purchase a digital copy of the book with associated interactive videos and resources ▪ Read and Study the Syllabus ▪ Read Class Policies ▪ Post Personal Introductory Statement and Review Instructor’s BioSketch ▪ Take Syllabus Quiz-Not Graded ▪ Become Familiar with the ELearning and Revel Websites ▪ Begin Module 1: Foundations
1	Module 1: FOUNDATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 1: Origins and Evolution of American Policing ▪ Chapter 2: Policing in the American Context ▪ Chapter 3: Law Enforcement Agencies and Their Organization ▪ Bittner, Egon (1999). “The Function of the Police in Modern Society” in <i>Policing: A View from the Street</i>, eds. Peter K. Manning and John Van Maanen. ▪ Lecture: Foundations of Policing <p>MODULE EXAM 1: Covers Chapters 1-3 available Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8:00 am and due Friday, February 12, 2021 by 5:00 pm</p>
2	Module 2: A CAREER IN POLICING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 4: Becoming a Cop ▪ Chapter 5: Police Subculture ▪ Chapter 6: Police Discretion and Behavior. ▪ Van Maanen, John (1978). “The Asshole” in <i>Policing: A View from the Street</i>, eds. Peter K. Manning and John Van Maanen. ▪ Lecture: Stress and Police Personnel (Parts 1A and 1B) ▪ Video: Memphis PD- War in the Streets <p>MODULE EXAM 2: Covers Chapters 4-6 available Monday, March 8, 2021 at 8:00 am and due Friday, March 12, 2021 by 5:00 pm</p>
	DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENT 1	<p>You are required to complete two discussion assignments for this class. These assignments do not have to be long. You should be able to do the assignment within two type-written, single-spaced pages, with spaces between paragraphs. POST TO THE DISCUSSION BOARD. After completing your assignment, give your thoughts on at least two of your colleague’s assignments that are also posted. Generate and participate in discussion with your fellow students throughout the week. The instructor will be monitoring as well as contributing to the discussion.</p> <p>Refer to eLearning for more information on the specific assignment</p> <p>DUE Monday March 22, 2021 by 8:00 am with discussion to follow through to 5:00 pm on March 26, 2021</p>
3	Module 3: ON THE JOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 7: Core Police Functions ▪ Chapter 8: Community Policing ad Community Involvement ▪ Chapter 9: Policing in the Modern Era ▪ Taylor, Robert W., E.J. Fritsch, & T.J. Caeti (1998). “Core Challenges Facing Community Policing: The Emperor <i>Still</i> has No Clothes.” <i>ACJS Today</i>, Vol XVII, 1 (May/June) ▪ Lecture: Community Policing <p>MODULE EXAM 3: Covers Chapters 7-9 available Monday, April 12, 2021 at 8:00 am and due Friday, April 16, 2021 by 5:00 pm</p>

	DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENT 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow general directions as Discussion Assignment 1 <p>Refer to eLearning for more information on the specific assignment</p> <p>DUE Monday April 26, 2021 by 8:00 am with discussion to follow through to 5:00 pm on Friday, April 30, 2021</p>
4	Module 4: LEGAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN POLICING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 10: Policing and the Law Chapter 11: Civil Liability and Accountability Chapter 12: Deviance, Ethics, and Professionalism Chapter 13: The Use of Force Taylor, Robert W. (2017). "The Legal Aspects of Police Administration." In <i>Police Administration: Structures, Processes and Behavior</i>, 9th Edition Lecture: Police Corruption and Scandal Lecture: Police Civil Liability <p>MODULE EXAM 4: Covers Chapters 10-13 available Monday, May 3, 2021 at 8:00 am and due Friday, May 7, 2021 by 5:00 pm</p> <p>THE COURSE OFFICIALLY ENDS ON May 7, 2021 AT 5:00 pm</p> <p>ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK – BE SAFE!</p>

Other Course and University Policies

Make-up Exams: Due to the fact that you will have at least one week to submit each exam, **make-up exams are not permitted** and failure to complete an exam will result in a posted grade of zero.

Extra Credit: There is **no extra credit work available** in this class for any reason. Please be concerned with your final course grade throughout the semester maximizing your performance on each graded event and minimizing your need for extra credit at the end of the course.

Late Work: Discussion board requirements and written assignments will be reduced in grade and marked down one letter grade for every day the assignment is late / half a letter grade if the paper is submitted late on the same day. Please calendar effectively and submit work early to avoid this penalty.

Class Participation: **You must check your UT Dallas email and the eLearning course site at least two times per week** for emails, announcements, and updates. Remember this is your classroom so please feel comfortable asking any questions which you would ordinarily ask in class. The instructor will use the tracking feature in eLearning to monitor student activity. Students are also required to participate in all class activities such as the discussion board, email correspondence, visiting required internet sites, and proper submission of exams, papers and/or projects.

Virtual Classroom Citizenship: The same guidelines that apply to traditional classes should be observed in the virtual classroom environment. Please use proper netiquette when interacting with class members and the professor.

Netiquette: Please express all posted comments in formal English without street jargon or employment related jargon, acronyms, or abbreviations that will not be understood by all students. Avoid being critical of your classmates and focus your responses to the content of what they posted. **Remember, the focus of these discussion assignments may address highly**

sensitive and provocative issues confronting society today! Do not make emotional outbursts on the discussion page and always remember that anything you post will be retained exactly as you post it for a long time and can be referred to exactly as you post it in the future. Some yes and no rules to follow in the course:

- Yes, you can email your professor as often as you like at the course email box, and yes, you can ask the professor any question you have. And yes, every email is answered.
- Yes, you can critique postings in your responses in any way you like if it is not offensive and not critical of another student personally. Student responses must be in formal language, with no intolerant, rude, abusive or obscene language.
- No, you should not use a lot of acronyms and jargon in your postings
- No, you should not try to use humor as it sometimes comes across online with unintended consequences.

Accessing Grades: Students can check their grades by clicking “My Grades” under Course Tools after the grade for each assessment task is released. Your grades will be posted to the eLearning grade book in percentage scores with a running average in the Final column.

Incomplete Grade Policy: As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester’s end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of F.

University Drop Policy: It is the responsibility of the student to process the official drop and add forms. Faculty/staff cannot drop students from class. Please be aware the professor cannot drop a student for never attending or missing too many classes and can only assign grades based on the work submitted. For this reason, it is important to your grade that if, for any reason, you decide to not complete the course, to complete the appropriate paperwork to drop the class officially or to withdraw from the university.

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures: The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please go to [UT Dallas Syllabus Policies](#) for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

Comet Creed: *This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:*

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”