

Course Syllabus

Course Information

<i>Course Number/Section</i>	CRIM 2313.001
<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Police and Society</i>
<i>Term</i>	Fall 2016
<i>Class Days</i>	Monday and Wednesdays
<i>Class Time</i>	1:00 PM – 215 PM
<i>Location</i>	JSOM 2.801

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

None.

Course Description

This course examines the central issues of enforcing law and promoting public safety in society with emphasis placed on both internal organizational issues of police administration and external enforcement operations.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Following the successful completion of this course, students should have an understanding of:

- the history of American policing
- the challenges of policing in a free society
- the current and future challenges and changes needed to effectively police

Required Textbooks and Materials

Required Texts

Walker, S. & Katz, C. (2012). *The Police in America: An Introduction* (8th Edition). New York: McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 978-007-8026546

Required Materials

Students must purchase access to McGraw-Hill Connect, the eBook also comes free with this

Other readings will be placed on eLearning

Textbooks and some other bookstore materials can be ordered online through Off-Campus Books <http://www.offcampusbooks.com> or the UT Dallas Bookstore <http://www.bkstr.com/texasatdallasstore/home>. They are also available in stock at both bookstores.

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 <http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/students/getting-started.html#techreqs> on the Getting Started with eLearning webpage <http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/students/getting-started.html>.

Course Access and Navigation

The course can be accessed using the UT Dallas NetID account at: <https://elearning.utdallas.edu>. Please see the course access and navigation <http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/students/getting-started.html#courseaccessandnav> section of the site for more information.

To become familiar with the eLearning tool, please see the Student eLearning Tutorials <http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/students/eLearningTutorialsStudents.html>.

UT Dallas provides eLearning technical support 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The eLearning Support Center <http://www.utdallas.edu/elearninghelp> services include 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 eLearning Tutorials webpage <http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/students/eLearningTutorialsStudents.html> for video demonstrations on eLearning tools.

Student emails and discussion board messages will typically be answered within 3 working days under normal circumstances.

Grading Policy

Excellent Work = A = 94 – 100; A- = 90-93%
Good Work = B+ = 87-89; B = 84-86; B- = 80-83%
Average Work = C+ = 77-79; C = 74-76; C- = 70-73%
Unacceptable Work = F = < 70%

Course Policies

Communication

All requests for information will be funneled through your TA. Your TA is assigned based on your last name, see the information above. All communication with your TA must be professional. In the event that the TA is unable to resolve your question or issue, s/he will contact me directly. Please note the Professor fully expects students to treat the TAs with more respect than the Professor. Students who abuse the TA will be referred to the Dean of Student's Office for appropriate punishment.

Make-up exams

Make-up exams are not permitted unless you have a university approved absence and failure to complete an exam will result in a posted grade of zero.

Make-up Class Activities

While students are not required to attend class, only those students missing class with a university excused absence will be permitted to make up the class activities. Any missed class activity must be made up the next class, or the grade will be converted to a zero. Students must work with the TA to arrange for the make-up.

Make-up Connect Quizzes

Because these quizzes are available online, extensions will generally not be offered.

Extra Credit

The only extra credit available in the course will be in the form of points earned during the review sessions prior to both exams. Apart from this, there is no other extra credit available in the course. Please be concerned with your final course grade throughout the course maximizing your performance on each graded event and minimizing your need for extra credit in the course.

Late Work

Work submitted after the due date and time, or not submitted through eLearning, will result in a grade of “0” being assigned.

Special Assignments

See the course schedule below for more details.

Netiquette

Please express all posted comments, messages, and emails 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 fellow classmates and focus your responses to the content of what they posted. 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 TA as often as you like, which will be forwarded to the Professor as necessary.
 - If you do not get a response from your TA in a reasonable amount of time (i.e., 24 business hours), please email the Professor directly.
- Yes, you can critique postings in your responses in any way you like as long as it is not offensive and not critical of another student personally.
- Yes, you can ask the professor any question you have
- Yes, every message is answered
- 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.

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.”

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 <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

Course Deliverables

Students will earn their grade in the course by completing the following assignments.

Deliverable	Number of Occurrences	Points per Occurrence	Total Points	Percentage of Final Grade
Connect Quizzes	10	8.75	87.5	12.5%
Exams	2	175	350	50.0%
Class Activities	10	8.75	87.5	12.5%
Final Paper	1	175	150	25.0%
Total			700	100%

Connect Quizzes

Students will be required to log on to the McGraw-Hill Connect website and take a quiz prior to the material on which we will be lecturing that day. The purpose of this quiz is to ensure that students are reading the course material, so that the class can move at a quicker pace and spend more time discussing those elements of the course we find more interesting. The quizzes will serve as a study aid for students.

Exams

There will be two exams in this course on the dates listed on the syllabus. Because the Professor fundamentally disagrees with making students purchase testing forms and to accommodate those students with test-anxiety, all exams are given online. Students will have 75-minutes maximum to complete the exam. Exams will open at class time (i.e., 1 PM) on the day listed and all exams must be submitted by the end of class time (i.e., 2:15 PM). Please note that late exams will not be graded. If students start the exam at 1 PM they will have a full 75 minutes to complete the exam, but students starting the exam at 130 PM will only have 45 minutes to complete and submit the exam.

Experience dictates that students feel that they will be able to use outside resources during the exam; however, this strategy is inadvisable. Those students who perform best are as prepared for the exam taken online as if it were administered in class. Lastly, all available countermeasures are employed to prevent and detect academic integrity violations. All students who violate academic integrity standards will be punished to the fullest extent available.

Class Activities

Students will complete various types of class activities in class to enhance learning. All class activities will be collected at the end of class and it is student's responsibility to ensure the activity is turned in, their name is on the activity, and the answer is legibly written. The Professor will assume illegibly written answers are incorrect and will not pursue students who have not turned in assignments or whose name is not on the assignment.

Final Paper

Students will be required to write a final paper for the course which will be submitted to eLearning on Wednesday November 16, 2016 by 5 PM. The guidelines for the paper are presented in a separate document that is on eLearning.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Week	Date	Day	Topic	Readings	Due
1	8/22	M	Introduction and Review of Syllabus		
	8/24	W	Police in Society	WK-1	RQ #1
2	8/29	M	Police in Society (<i>cont'd</i>)	Wilson, Becker	
	8/31	W	The History of American Police	WK-2	RQ #2
3	9/05	M	LABOR DAY—NO CLASS		
	9/07	W	The History of American Police (<i>cont'd</i>)		
4	9/12	M	Internal & External Police Organization	WK-3 (61-69; 83-84) and WK-4 (95-102)	
	9/14	W	Myths About Policing	KP-2 & 4	
5	9/19	M	Myths About Policing (<i>cont'd</i>)	KP-8; 114-116; 135-138	
	9/21	W	Myths About Policing (<i>cont'd</i>) Police Recruitment & Training	KP-10 WK-5 (121-140); Haberfield-3	
6	9/26	M	Police Recruitment & Training (<i>cont'd</i>)	Haberfield-4 & 5	
	9/28	W	Police Recruitment & Training (<i>cont'd</i>)	Baker-2, 3, & 4 WK- 6	RQ #3
7	10/03	M	The Real Life of a Police Officer	Skolnick, Baker-5 & 6	
	10/05	W	The Real Life of a Police Officer (<i>cont'd</i>)		
8	10/10	M	Exam I Review		
	10/12	W	Exam I		
9	10/17	M	Traditional Police Strategies	WK-7 (199-207; 212-224)	RQ #4
	10/19	W	Traditional Police Strategies (<i>cont'd</i>)	WK-9	RQ #5

Week	Date	Day	Topic	Due	
10	10/24	M	Innovations in Police Strategies	WK-10 (309-327); Wilson & Kelling	RQ #6
	10/26	W	Innovations (<i>cont'd</i>)	WK-10 (328-344)	
11	10/31	M	Police Discretion	WK-11 (351-361)	RQ #7
	11/02	W	Police Discretion (<i>cont'd</i>)	WK-11 (355-365)	
12	11/07	M	Police-Community Relations	WK-12 (377-391); Garner; Fyfe	RQ #8
	11/09	W	Police-Community Relations	WK-12 (392-418)	
13	11/14	M	Interacting with the Police	Komisaruk (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 14)	
	11/16	W	ASC ANNUAL MEETING—NO CLASS		Paper Due By 5 PM
14	11/21	M	FALL BREAK—NO CLASS	WK-14 (Read on your own)	
	11/23	W	FALL BREAK—NO CLASS		
15	11/28	M	Police Corruption	WK-13	RQ #9
	11/30	W	The Future of Policing	WK-15	RQ #10
16	12/05	M	Exam II Review		
	12/07	W	Exam II		

NOTE: While great care and consideration went into crafting this syllabus, it may be necessary to amend it during the semester. In the case that the syllabus is amended, written notification will be sent to students through eLearning and an amended copy will be posted online. Students are responsible for all dates, deadlines, and materials in the most up to date syllabus.