

CJSA 1351
Use of Force
Western Texas College

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description: Study of the use of force including introduction to and statutory authority for the use of force, force options, deadly force, and related legal issues.
- B. Prerequisites: None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Identify the status pertaining to use of force
- B. Explain the use of force continuum
- C. Describe key elements of major court cases involving use of force issues

III. Online Testing Requirements

- A. Course exams must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)
- B. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.

IV. Major Course Requirements: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:

- A. Exams: 30%
- B. Assignments: 30%
- C. Quizzes: 25%
- D. Discussions: 15%
- E. Grading scale:
 - A= (90-100%)
 - B= (80-89%)
 - C= (70-79%)
 - D= (60-69%)

V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials

- A. Title: The Use of Force in Criminal Justice
- B. Authors: Richard M. Hough
- C. Edition: First
- D. Publisher: Routledge
- E. ISBN-13: 9781138221451

VI. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates: Please refer to the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

- A. Campus Calendar
- B. Final exam schedule
- C. How to drop a class
- D. Withdrawal information
- E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- F. Class Attendance
- G. Students with disabilities

VII. Course Sequence & Content

Week	Topic
Week 1	Course Overview
Week 2	Chapter 1: Considering the Use of Force in Criminal Justice Quiz 1
Week 3	Chapter 2: Law and the Use of Force Quiz 2
Week 4	Chapter 3: The Construction and Content of Force Policies Discussion 1 Assignment 1
Week 5	Chapter 4: The Use of Less Lethal Force Quiz 3
Week 6	Chapter 5: The Use of Lethal Force Discussion 2
Week 7	Chapter 6: Physiological and Psychological Considerations in Force Situations Quiz 4
Week 8	Exam 1
Week 9	Chapter 7: Training to Use Force Assignment 2
Week 10	Chapter 8: Use of Force in Law Enforcement Discussion 3
Week 11	Chapter 9: Use of Force in Corrections Quiz 5
Week 12	Chapter 10: Force by Tactical Teams Assignment 3
Week 13	Chapter 11: Force and Special Populations Discussion 4
Week 14	Chapter 12: The Future is Now Quiz 6
Week 15	Course Review

Week 16	Final Exam
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Disclaimer: Sequence & Content is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.