

CRIJ 2328
Police Systems and Practices
Western Texas College

- I. Basic Course Information
 - A. Course Description: This course examines the establishment, role, and function of police in a democratic society. It will focus on type of police agencies and their organizational structure, police-community interaction, police ethics, and the use of authority.
 - B. Prerequisites: None
- II. Student Learning Outcomes
 - A. Describe the types of police agencies and explain the role of police in America within the context of a democratic society
 - B. Describe means and methods utilized to ensure police accountability
 - C. Explain the historical development of policing
 - D. Describe the selection process for police officers
 - E. Compare and contrast organizational structures, policies, strategies, and tactics employed to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, and equity
- III. Online Testing Requirements
 - A. The midterm and final exam 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
 - A. Exams: There will be four major exams spaced throughout the semester. Exam questions may include any combination of the following: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, short answer, and essay.
 - B. Writing Assignments: There will be several writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
 - C. Collaborative Exercises: There will be multiple collaborative exercises spaced throughout the semester. Each of these assignments will require you to work with your peers analyzing/discussing documents, articles, and other information relating to the study of Criminal Justice.
- V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
 - A. Required Book: Policing America: Challenges and Best Practices. 8th Edition. Peak. Pearson. ISBN-10: 0133495655 | ISBN-13: 978-0133495652
- 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	Reading Assignments
Week 1	History: From English Origins to the U.S.	Chapter 1, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 2	Preparing for the Street: Recruiting, Training, Socialization	Chapter 2, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 3	On Patrol: Methods and Menaces	Chapter 3, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 4	Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving,	Chapter 4, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 5	Criminal Investigation: The Science of Sleuthing, Exam One	Chapter 5, Reading Quiz , No discussion forum, Article One Research Analysis
Week 6	Personnel Issues and Practices: Stress, Labor Relations, Higher Education, Private Police	Chapter 6, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 7	Rule of Law: Expounding the Constitution	Chapter 7, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 8	Accountability: Ethics, Use of Force, Corruption, and Discipline	Chapter 8, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 9	Civil Liability: Failing the Public Trust, Exam Two	Chapter 9, Reading Quiz, No discussion forum, Article Two Research Analysis
Week 10	Federal and State Agencies: Protecting Our Borders and Freedoms	Chapter 10, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 11	Municipal and County Agencies: Organization, Administration, and Roles	Chapter 11, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 12	Pursuing Criminal Syndicates: Terrorists, the Mob, Gangs, Drug Traffickers, Exam Three	Chapter 12, Reading Quiz, No discussion forum
Week 13	Addressing "People Problems"	Chapter 13, Reading Quiz, Discussion
Week 14	Technology Review	Chapter 14, Reading Quiz, Discussion

Week 15	Dead Week, Careers in Law Enforcement	
Week 16	Final Exam	

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

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