AJ 102 Law Enforcement
Spring 2004 Term.

Course Description
This course looks at some of the diverse information about the subject of law
enforcement. Much of what has been written is by academics and therefore is skewed
among their values and pre-dispositions. In a word, often not the reality of what law
enforcement does, how it does it or what is expected of it doing by the multitude of those
using, benefiting or expecting outcomes from it. These writings will be examined in light
of what the text authors say is pertinent. The categories are historical, social, political and
functional.

Classroom
MH520. Class Code Number is 20063. TTh @ 1030-1145.

Instructor
Peter Charles Unsinger. Has background in both municipal (Milpitas, CA and Moscow,
ID) and county level (Santa Clara County, CA) law enforcement. Also, has worked
closely in and with state (New South Wales and Northern Territory Police of Australia)
and national police forces (Australian Federal Police and the Singapore Police Force). He
has been associated with California’s Department of Insurance, Nevada Gaming Control
Board and with several entities involved in “white collar crime” (International Chamber
of Commerce’s Commercial Crimes Bureau of London and its sub units dealing with
commercial crime, counterfeiting of products and maritime fraud).
He has trained police and security personnel in California, Oregon, Alaska, Nevada,
Arizona, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Ohio. Internationally, he has trained in Canada,
Australia, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia and Singapore.
Associations continue in diverse locations as the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia and
Singapore through association with security and other professionals in the Southeast
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Office and Hours
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suggested in using any forms of communications. Instructor only checks for messages
during office hours. If you must miss a class or exam, do not leave a message.

Course Textbook
Robert H. Longworthy and Lawrence F. Travis III, Policing in America: A Balance of
Forces. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2003). The text may be purchased at the
university bookstore or other college text sellers, i.e., amazon.com.

Course Requirements
There are three exams during the course. Each is worth 100 points. All exams are
multiple choice and true and false type questions. A “Scantron” device should be brought
in order to record your answers. All question “booklet” shall be returned at the conclusion of the exam.
The examination questions are derived from two sources. First, there are questions from the textbook. Next, there will be information given in class lecture about the studies and opinions of the text authors. Notes should be taken. Other exam questions will be developed from the lectures. Lastly, videos will be shown in class at certain times. Once again, notes should be taken as exam questions will come from this source as well.

**Grading**
The three exams will be the basis for the course grade. Points will be added up from the exams and then placed in descending order of score. Grades will then be assigned according to the university’s scale of “Excellent” (top 10-15% of the group), “Above Average” (the next 10-15% of the group), and “Average” (the remainder of the group). The categories “Below Average” and “Failure” will be reserved for anyone failing to achieve a low average score of 65 for “Below Average” and 50 for “Failure” on all three exams.
The instructor does retain the discretion of moving the percentiles up or down. This discretion will be employed where clusters of scores are such that clear distinctions between groups cannot be made.

**Miss Examination**
The instructor has no problem handling examinations taken late. The real world outside the university does. So, 10 points will be assessed for having to make-up a missed exam. Plan accordingly.

**Safety Issues**
There are some standard safety features of all buildings such as evacuation, etc. A brief description of them will be given on the first day of class. Users of the building are expected to familiarize themselves with those rules and features.

**Course Schedule**

29 Jan  Course Introduction.

03 Feb  Chapter 1. “Understanding the Police.”

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10 Feb  Chapter 2. “Early History of the Police.”


19 Feb  Chapter 4. “Evolution of Policing in America.”
24 Feb  First Examination. Bring a scantron for the exam
26 Feb  Chapter 5. “Federal and State Police.”
02 Mar  Chapter 5. “Federal and State Police.”
04 Mar  Chapter 6. “Private and Special Purpose Police.”
09 Mar  Chapter 6. “Private and Special Purpose Police.”
16 Mar  Chapter 7. “Municipal and Local Police.”
18 Mar  Chapter 8. “Police Organizations.”
23 Mar  Chapter 8. “Police Organizations.”
25 Mar  VIDEO: to be determined

Spring Break
06 Apr  Second Examination. Bring Scantron
08 Apr  Chapter 9. “Individuals in Policing.”
13 Apr  VIDEO: to be determined (Instructor is in Singapore presenting paper at AVSEC2004)
15 Apr  VIDEO: to be determined (Instructor is in Singapore presenting paper at AVSEC2004)
20 Apr  Chapter 9. “Individuals in Policing.”
22 Apr  Chapter 10. “Police Officers.”
27 Apr  Chapter 10. “Police Officers.”
29 Apr  Chapter 11 and 15. “Police and Community” and “Community Policing.”
04 May  Chapter 12. “Law Enforcement and the Police.”
06 May  Chapter 12. “Law Enforcement and the Police.”
11 May  Chapter 13. “Service and the Police.”
13 May  Chapter 14. “Order and the Police.”

18 May  Chapter 15. “Controlling the Police.”

21 May  Final Examination @ 0945hrs. Bring Scantron for the exam.