

**Administration of Justice 102  
Fall Semester 2001**

**Police and Society  
Course Syllabus**

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This course examines the role of law enforcement in American society from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Topics include the history of law enforcement in the United States, theories of policing, the organization of police agencies, strengths and weaknesses of present-day American law enforcement, the relationship of police to other parts of the criminal justice system, and challenges facing police forces today. Although primarily designed for AJ majors and minors, this course is also appropriate for non-majors who are interested in law, justice, crime, socio-legal studies, and American legal and political institutions.

**Required Text:**

Roy Roberg, John Crank, and Jack Kuykendall, *Police and Society*, 2d Edition (2000), available at the SJSU and other local textbook stores.

Occasional supplementary readings may be made available during the semester.

**Class Participation, Requirements, and Grading:**

You are responsible for keeping up with the assigned reading and being prepared to discuss it in class. (Class participation helps your learning and your grade.)

**During class, please make sure your cell phones and pagers are silent.**

Exams will cover both lectures and reading assignments. Some material discussed in class will not be in the readings; similarly, not everything discussed in the readings will be covered in class. Thus it is very important that you both keep up with the reading and attend class regularly. Students will be excused from class for legitimate medical reasons and for university-related engagements (e.g., athletics). Whenever possible, if you must miss class please inform the instructor ahead of time.

Your grade will be based on 3 exams, 4 short (2 page) writing assignments, and class participation. Your grade will be calculated as follows:

Exams: 600 points

Midterm 1: 200 points

Midterm 2: 200 points

Final: 200 points

Writing Assignments: 50 points each, total of 200 points

Class Participation: 50 points  
850 points

Your scores for each test and assignment will be added together, and your total points at the end of the semester will determine your grade. Final grades will be curved (you are measured against the performance of the rest of the class).

All exams are closed-book, closed-note. Exams will include short-answer questions and one essay question. The exam format will be reviewed before each test.

The writing assignments will be reflection pieces based on the readings and discussions, and designed to help you analyze the course material and/or apply it to real life. You may be asked to find and analyze a newspaper or magazine article or review law enforcement websites. No other research will be required. However, you will need to integrate readings and discussions into your assignments. Thus, you cannot wait until the night before the exam to do the reading.

You must take the final exam to pass the course. Students who do not take the final will receive an AF or an AI for the course, at the instructor's discretion, regardless of their class average prior to the final. In accordance with University policy, students caught cheating or plagiarizing will also receive an AF grade for the course.

**Late papers and missed exams:**

Papers: papers will be marked down **5 points** for each **day** they are late (including weekends). Papers more than ten days late will not be accepted. When submitting late papers, be sure to have the AJ Department receptionist mark the date it was received; you may also fax or email your paper if it is late.

Exams: **only one** exam can be made up, and only if you have a good reason for missing the exam (e.g., serious illness with physician's note). Make-up exams are longer and involve more writing than the regular exams. The make-up exam day is the last day of class, and it is your responsibility to notify the professor that you intend to take a make-up exam.

There will be no exceptions made to the late paper and missed exam policies.

## Course Outline, Reading Assignments, and Exams

### I. Perspectives on Police

- Week 1. Tuesday August 28, Thursday August 30: Introduction to course; A brief history of policing; the role of police in the United States  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapters 1-2

### II. Police Organizations

- Week 2. Tuesday September 4, Thursday September 6: Community Policing; Selected Issues in Police Administration  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapter 3 (all); and Chapter 4, pp. 106-108, A Classical Police Management, @ A Behavioral Police Management @ pp. 117 (middle) - 123 (middle), A Criticisms of the Paramilitary Design, @ A Continued Influence of the Paramilitary Design, @ Inside Policing 4.1, 4.2 pp. 124 - 126 (top), A Measuring Police Goals @  
Writing Assignment 1 handed out

- Week 3. Tuesday September 11, Thursday September 13: Recruitment Criteria  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapter 6

- Week 4. Tuesday September 18, Thursday September 20: Diversifying the Police  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapter 12

- Week 5. Tuesday September 25, Thursday September 27: Review and Exam  
*No reading assignment*

**EXAM I: Thursday September 27. Closed Book. Covers Discussions and Readings for Weeks 1-5. Bring a bluebook and a pen.**

### III. Police Operations and Behavior

- Week 6. Tuesday October 2, Thursday October 4: Duties and Expectations of Police  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapter 7  
Writing Assignment 2 handed out

- Week 7. Tuesday October 9, Thursday October 11: Varieties of Police Behavior  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapter 8

- Week 8. Tuesday October 16, Thursday October 18: The Problems of Force and Coercion  
*Read for class:* Text, Chapter 9  
Writing Assignment 3 handed out

Week 9. Tuesday October 23, Thursday October 25: Force and Coercion, continued; exam review

Week 10. Tuesday October 30, Thursday November 1: Exam; Police Stress and Danger

**EXAM II: Tuesday October 30. Closed Book. Covers Readings and Discussions for Weeks 6-10. Bring a bluebook and a pen.**

Week 10 (continued): Thursday November 1: Stress and Danger  
*Read for class: Text, Chapter 13*

Week 11. Tuesday November 6, Thursday November 8: Stress and Danger, continued; Video  
*No reading assignment*  
Writing Assignment 4 handed out

Week 12. Tuesday November 13, Thursday November 15: Mechanisms for Controlling Inappropriate Police Behavior  
*Read for class: Text, Chapter 10*

#### **IV. Directions for the Future**

Week 13. Tuesday November 20: Higher Education for Police  
*Read for class: Text, Chapter 11*

Week 14. Tuesday November 27, Thursday November 29: The Future of Policing  
*Read for class: Text, Chapter 14*

Week 15. Tuesday December 4, Thursday December 6: conclusion and review

**Week 16. Tuesday December 11: Exam make-ups. No regular class.**

**FINAL EXAMINATION: Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.**  
Bring pen, bluebooks.

**Note:** If you want to know your final grade before grades are sent out, please bring a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope to the final and I will mail your course grade when I finish grading the finals. To protect student privacy, grades cannot be given out by telephone or email.