

Administration of Justice 102, Section 02
Spring Semester 2001

**Police and Society
Course Syllabus**

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Class Meeting Times: Tues.-Thurs. 9:00-10:15 a.m.
MacQuarrie Hall 523

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 bookstore.

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:	<u>50 points</u>
	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, and may include some multiple-choice questions. 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.” On occasion, you may be asked to find and analyze a newspaper or magazine article or review law enforcement websites. Other than that, no research will be required. However, you will be expected to integrate the readings and class discussions into your assignments. In other words, 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 “F” or an “I” 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 “F” grade for the course.

Late papers and missed exams:

Papers: papers will be marked down **5 points** for each **day** they are late. Papers more than ten days late will not be accepted.

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. Thursday January 25: Introduction to course. No reading assignment.

Week 2. Tuesday January 30-Thursday February 1: A brief history of policing; the role of police in the United States

Read for class: Text, Chapters 1-2

II. Police Organizations

Week 3. Tuesday February 6-Thursday February 8: Police Administration

Read for class: Text, Chapters 4-5

Writing Assignment 1

Week 4. Tuesday February 13-Thursday February 15: Organizational Change

Read for class: Text, Chapter 3

Week 5. Tuesday February 20-Thursday February 22: Diversifying the Police

Read for class: Text, Chapter 12

Writing Assignment 2

Week 6. Tuesday February 27-Thursday March 1: Review and Exam

No reading assignment.

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

III. Police Operations

Week 7. Tuesday March 6-Thursday March 8: Recruitment Criteria; Duties & Expectations of Police

Read for class: Text, Chapters 6-7

Week 8. Tuesday March 13-Thursday March 15: Varieties of Police Behavior

Read for class: Text, Chapter 8

Writing Assignment 3

Week 9. Tuesday March 20-Thursday March 22: The Problems of Force and Coercion

Read for class: Text, Chapter 9

Spring Break: March 26-March 30: No reading assignment

Week 10. Tuesday April 3-Thursday April 5: Stress and Danger

Read for class: Text, Chapter 13

Writing Assignment 4

Week 11. Tuesday April 10-Thursday April 12: Mechanisms for Controlling Inappropriate Police Behavior

Read for class: Text, Chapter 10

Week 12. Tuesday April 17-Thursday April 19: Review and **Exam**

No reading assignment.

EXAM 2: Thursday April 19. Closed Book. Covers readings & discussions for weeks 7-11. Bring a bluebook and a pen.

IV. Directions for the Future

Week 13. Tuesday April 24-Thursday April 26: The Police and Higher Education

Read for class: Text, Chapter 11

Week 14. Tuesday May 1-Thursday May 3: The Future of Policing

Read for class: Text, Chapter 14

Week 15. Tuesday May 8-Thursday May 10: conclusion and review

Week 16. Tuesday May 15: last day of class. **EXAM MAKE-UPS.**

FINAL EXAMINATION: Friday, May 18, 2001, 7:15-9:30 a.m, MH 523.

Bring pen, bluebooks, coffee.

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.