

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 toward 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 Asian region.

Office and Hours

MH521. Office hours are MW 0800-0900 hrs and TTh @ 0800-0900 hrs. Office phone is 408.924.1350. Fax is 408.924.2953. E-mail is Unsinger@email.sjsu.edu. Caution is 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."

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17 Feb Chapter 3. "English Roots of American Policing."

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."

11 Mar Chapter 7. "Municipal and Local 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.