

# UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

## **Criminal Justice 2328 Police Systems and Practices/Fall 2016**

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### **TEXTBOOK:**

**Introduction to Policing (second edition)**

Gene L. Scaramella, Steven M. Cox, and William P. McCamey.

Sage Publications, ISBN: 9781452256610

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION / OBJECTIVES:**

This course is designed to provide the student an overview of the structures, the functions, and the operations of American law enforcement agencies. This course will also provide an emphasis on municipal police departments and county departments. The course will provide surveys of police operations, how police personnel function and deal with policies as well as contemporary ideas and theories that are used in modern police departments across the United States.

Objectives will be to familiarize the student with topics such as police discretion and ethics in law enforcement, police-community relations, and the future of policing in America.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- **QUIZZES/SHORT ASSIGNMENTS** **20 points (25% of Final Grade)**

To ensure that students are keeping up with the readings and the course, quizzes as well as several short assignments will be administered.

- **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** **EXTRA CREDIT**

Several times throughout the semester discussion questions will be posted on the blackboard system. These questions will either take the place of a class or just be in addition to lecture or randomly posted.

Each student will be required to answer the question with a SUBSTANTIVE response. In addition to your response, you will be required to reply to at least two other student's response to receive full credit.

- **RESEARCH PAPER** **25 points (25% of Final Grade)**

As outlined in the research portion of the syllabus students must turn in a research paper with a Seven (7) page content minimum.

- **MID-TERM EXAMINATION** **25 Points (20% of Final Grade)**

A mid-term exam will be administered half way through the semester to test the knowledge of the student on material that has been covered from the beginning of the course up to the mid way portion of the semester. The exam will be multiple choice and true or false questions with the possibility of one essay type question on each exam at the instructor's discretion.

- **FINAL EXAMINATION** **30 Points (30% of Final Grade)**

A non-comprehensive final exam will be administered at the conclusion of the semester to test the students knowledge on material that has been covered from the mid way portion of the semester up to the end of the semester.

The exams will cover any material that has been covered during the semester to include lecture, PowerPoint presentations, class discussions, or any outside material that was introduced during any time of the semester. The exam will be multiple choice and true or false questions with the possibility of one essay type question on each exam at the instructor's discretion.

## **CLASS RULES/POLICIES**

Students are required to be courteous at all times. The use of cell phones is prohibited during class whether a lecture is going on or any other assignment or discussion. Cell phone use includes texting. Participation from students will be expected and class participation and attendance will count towards the student's final grade. Drinks are allowed in the classroom. Food is not allowed in the classroom. Laptops are only allowed to take notes or as otherwise approved by the instructor. Laptops will not be used for any unauthorized communication to include surfing the internet or for any type of social media website or gaming.

## **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Attend all scheduled classes. Attendance will be recorded at the end of each class.
2. Report to class on time and stay until the end of every class.
3. Complete all assignments and readings prior to each class.
4. Complete all quizzes and tests on the assigned date. Make-up quizzes and tests will be at the discretion of the instructor and are limited to excused absences only.
5. Participate in discussions during class.

## **INSTRUCTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Organize and plan all group activities, all lectures, and all discussions.
2. Provide learning tools and materials to students.
3. Arrange for student accommodations as requested in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
4. Maintain an efficient grading system that allows for student feedback within a reasonable time.
5. Be available for students before, during, and after class sessions.

## **ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Students are expected to maintain a high standard of honor in their scholastic work. Scholastic dishonesty, to include cheating, copying another person's work, and plagiarism is a serious offense and will subject the student to disciplinary action. Students who aid another student in any type of dishonest scholastic practice will be held equally accountable.

## **DROP POLICY**

The course drop policy for this course is the same as the official policy for the University of Texas at El Paso. The policy is set-out in the University catalog. The instructor also has discretion in this matter and has the right to drop a student from the course if the student has excessive unexcused absences or is continuously late to class. A student will not be allowed more than three (3) unexcused absences during the semester. **If a student accumulates more than three (3) unexcused absences, the instructor has the right to drop the student from the course.** The instructor may also drop a student from the class if the student fails to turn in assignments as directed.

### **LATE ASSIGNMENTS / MAKE-UP EXAMS**

1. All work is to be turned in as stated in the class schedule.
2. There will be **NO MAKEUP QUIZZES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**. In some cases assignments may be turned in via e-mail as approved by the instructor. The student assumes all the responsibility to ensure that the instructor received the assignment when submitted via e-mail.
3. Make-up exams (Mid-term & Final) will be granted for excused absences only. Make – up exams will be on an individual basis and determined by the instructor. If a make-up exam is granted, the student will be required to provide documentation of the emergency which prevented the student from taking the exam in the first place (i.e. vehicle accident report, hospital discharge instructions, etc).

### **RESEARCH PAPER**

**TOPIC STILL TO BE DETERMINED**

**\*\*\*RESEARCH PAPER IS DUE Tuesday November 1st, 2016\*\***

### **GRADING SCALE**

A	90-100	Points
B	80-89	Points
C	70-79	Points
D	60-69	Points
F	Below 60	Points

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday August 22nd	First Day of Classes
Monday September 5th	Labor Day Holiday – No Classes
Friday October 28th	Last day to drop
November 24-25th	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes
Thursday December 1st	Last Day of Classes
December 5-9th	Finals Week

THIS CLASS IS NOT AN EASY CLASS. YOU MUST PUT FORTH EFFORT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GOOD GRADE AND YOU MUST SHOW UP TO CLASS TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AS FAR AS ASSIGNMENTS AND QUIZZES AND DQ'S. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO DEVOTE TO THIS CLASS PLEASE DROP IT AS YOU WILL STRUGGLE WITH YOUR GRADE AND CONSEQUENTLY YOUR GPA WILL SUFFER.