

El Paso Community College

Syllabus

Part II

Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	<u>Criminal Justice</u>			
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>CRIJ 2328</u>			
COURSE TITLE	<u>Police Systems and Practices</u>			
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>:</u>	<u>0</u>
	Credits	Lec		Lab

I. Catalog Description

Examines the establishment, role and function of police in a democratic society. Focus on types of police agencies and their organizational structure, police-community interaction, police ethics, and use of authority. **Prerequisite: INRW 0311 or ESOL 0340 (can be taken concurrently) or by placement exam or ENGL 1301 with a "C" or better or ENGL 1302 with a "C" or better. (3:0).**

II. Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe and explain the application of ethics to the police profession.
- B. Describe and explain the application of discretion to the police profession.
- C. Describe and explain the application of sensitivity to the police profession.
- D. Describe the organization of law enforcement systems.
- E. Describe and explain law enforcement systems and their relationship with current issues.
- F. Describe and explain law enforcement systems and their relationship with future issues.
- G. Describe and explain the various terms used within patrol operations.
- H. Conceptualize the actual criminal justice process from the police perspective and contrast it with the perspective of the citizen.
- I. Determine the effect of physical and mental fitness as applied to officer safety.
- J. Describe the problem of crime and how the police officer seeks to deal with it in the United States.
- K. Discuss the requirements of law enforcement regarding Homeland Security.
- L. Describe the role of law enforcement as first and second responders in the event of domestic and International acts of terrorism.
- M. Identify the various safety needs of law enforcement in responding to acts of terrorism.
- N. Identify various radio and GPS systems.
- O. Plan weekly and monthly work schedule and related reports.

III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Describe the types of police agencies and explain the role of police in America within the context of a democratic society.
2. Describe means and methods utilized to ensure police accountability.
3. Explain the historical development of policing.
4. Describe the selection process for police officers.
5. Compare and contrast organizational structures, policies, strategies and tactics employed to ensure police effectiveness, efficiency and equity.

IV. Evaluation

A. Evaluation Methods

1. Students will be given four (4) written tests to measure their understanding of the course content. Written Tests are valued at 100 points each. Three of the written exams will cover the topics studied since the prior exam. The fourth written exam will be a comprehensive final exam given at the end of the semester.
2. The lowest grade of the four exams will be dropped if a written report on a major police systems and practices topic is submitted prior to Finals Week. The report will represent 25% of the final grade. The report will be at least twelve double-spaced paper in length and will be written in a scholarly manner using either the APA or MLA format. The paper will have a bibliography, or reference page, and the references will be noted within the body of the paper.
3. Deductions will be made for each error: not following directions, proofreading, formatting, typographical problems including incorrect text, etc. A percentage grade will be assigned by dividing the total points earned by the total points possible.

B. Grading Scale

The grading scale is shown below:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
360 - 400	A
320 - 359	B
280 - 319	C
240 - 279	D
0 - 239	F

C. Tests

Four (4) written tests will measure a student's understanding of the course content and will account for 400 points toward the final grade.

1. Written tests will be given covering the text and lecture material presented since the prior exam. The fourth (final exam) will cover all of the material and lectures contained in the course. Each written test will be graded according to the number of test items. **No retakes will be given.**
2. It is the student's responsibility to make prior arrangements with the instructor if the student is unable to attend class the day of any exam. **A grade of zero (0) will be given if an exam is not taken and no prior arrangements to take the exam have been made.** If prior arrangements have been made, the test may be administered at the instructor's convenience at the testing center.
3. Other in-class work may also be given at the instructor's prerogative.
4. The instructor may assign extra credit assignments. Extra credit points will be added in to the overall assignment score and will carry a point value of no more than 5 points for each assignment.

V. Disability Statement (Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA])

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

VI. 6 Drop Rule

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.