

POLICE IN SOCIETY

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CRM 307 Online

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Required Book: Walker and Katz, *Police in America*, 8th ed. (McGraw Hill, 2013)

MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

This is an exciting time to be studying police in American society. Recent years have produced an explosion of new knowledge and ideas about the police. The result is that many established police practices are being challenged, especially since 9/11. As we move into the 21st century, we find it increasingly necessary to search for renewed purpose and direction in American policing.

The main thrust of our study is on issues, ideas, and research. The techniques of police work – *how to* handcuff, frisk, fingerprint or subdue someone with a nightstick – receive less attention. We attempt to present a realistic look into the world of policing -- not overly glamorous or romantic or dangerous as portrayed in some popular police shows, nor overly critical as one periodically hears from police scholars who have never worn a badge. My aim is to have students gain a deeper understanding of the role of police in modern society, and to challenge those who currently hold strong opinions about the police -- either positive or negative -- to carefully examine their views.

UNCW takes all forms of interpersonal violence and harassment seriously. When students disclose to faculty or staff about sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking, this information must be reported to the administration to protect students' rights and to maintain campus security. There are three confidential resources that do not need to report interpersonal violence: UNCW CARE, the Student Health Center, and the Counseling Center. All these resources are available including CARE's 24-hour crisis line (910-512-4821). For emergencies contact Campus Police at 962-2222, or call 911. For more information, please visit: www.uncw.edu/sexualmisconduct or www.uncw.edu/care.

STUDENT EVALUATION

Foremost among my concerns is to evaluate every student fairly and accurately. Please read my evaluation procedures carefully. If any student has a disability that requires special accommodation, speak to me directly about what I may do to help. You also need to register with Disability Services in DePaolo Hall (962-7555).

1. Exams:

All students are required to take the exams when scheduled (see Course Agenda below). There are 6 exams. Each exam will cover two or three chapters from the book plus class notes (except the 6th exam, the final, will be partly cumulative). Exams will be mainly multiple choice questions.

All exams will be posted on Blackboard with accompanying instructions. *You will take all exams on your computer and submit them to me on Blackboard.* If you have never taken an online test before then you will want to consider your strategy before you begin. The exams will be timed by the computer. Once you start, you cannot save the file and return later. This means you better be ready to spend the next half hour or so in front of your computer working hard. *HINT: Complete all your exams and assignments well before the posted deadline just in case you have some technical glitch or other distraction. The computer will shut you out immediately if you are late. LATE EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.*

Important Notes about Exams:

1. I am asking you NOT to use your book. Be advised – there are too many questions and too little time to spend flipping through your book or personal notes to find the correct answers. If you have not done your reading and studying before your exam you will run out of time.
2. Exam questions are automatically scrambled by the computer. If you and a friend in this same class sit down together to take the exam at the same time for mutual support and encouragement, you will not be taking the same test.
3. Because of the nature of this online course and the greater flexibility of your time, only on rare occasions do I allow a make-up exam to be taken. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (NORMALLY WITHIN 6 HOURS OF EXAM TIME) WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO TAKE AN EXAM. EMAIL ME OR CALL ME.**

2. Assignments:

I like to closely monitor student learning as the course progresses. This is especially important for an online course. There will be a number of assignments to complete that are designed to give you an opportunity to apply criminal justice concepts and strategies to real-world issues. All assignments will be posted on Blackboard and must be submitted back to me on Blackboard.

3. E-Chats:

Even though this is an online course, I expect students to take an active role in their learning. The main way participation will be assessed is through frequent E-Chats. These E-Chats are to be initiated by students and relevant to the topics in our study. All E-Chats will be posted on Blackboard and must be submitted back to me on Blackboard.

POINT DISTRIBUTION and GRADES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points and Grades</u>	<u>UNCW Policy</u>
Exams	350*	461-500 = A	A = Excellent
Assignments	100**	450-460 = A-	B = Good
E-Chats	50***	435-449 = B+	C = Average
	500	411-434 = B	D = Passing
		400-410 = B-	F = Failure
		385-399 = C+	
		361-384 = C	
		350-360 = C-	
		335-349 = D+	
		311-334 = D	
		300-310 = D-	

* Exams (6): Exam 1-5 worth 50 points each; Exam 6 worth 100 points – 350 points total

** Assignments (5): Worth 20 points each – 100 points total

*** E-Chats (5): Worth 10 points each – 50 points total

When Online Exams and Assignments are Due

Be prepared to have Exams, Assignments and E-Chats due on **Thursdays**. The other days of the week and the weekends are reserved for studying and preparing your written work. Assignments and E-Chats may be submitted before their due dates; Exams may not be taken early.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- * Study diligently, read “actively,” complete assignments on time
- * Take good notes of book and online materials
- * Try your best – don’t give up

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Expand student understanding of the role of police in American Society;
2. Develop student’s ability to analyze and evaluate police policies and procedures;
3. Increase student knowledge of innovative patrol strategies and techniques.

By remaining enrolled in this class, I assume you agree to adhere to the policies mentioned above. Remember, the primary responsibility for learning is yours.

[Read and Follow Section I - Academic Honor Code in Code of Student Life](#)

COURSE AGENDA

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Part I FOUNDATIONS</u>	<u>Readings:</u>
T – January 10	Introduction	Blackboard Webpage
R – January 12	Police and Society	Ch 1 + Class Notes
	<i>Assignment 1</i>	
T – January 17	History of American Police	Ch 2 + Class Notes
R – January 19	<i>Exam 1 (Chapters 1 & 2)</i>	
T – January 24	Contemporary Law Enforcement	Ch 3 + Class Notes
R – January 26	<i>Assignment 2</i>	
T – January 31	Future of Policing in America	Ch 15 + Class Notes
R – February 2	<i>Exam 2 (Chapter 3 & 15)</i> <i>(E-Chat 1 – Due by Now)</i>	
	<u>Part II OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS</u>	
T – February 7	Police Organizations	Ch 4 + Class Notes
R – February 9	<i>Assignment 3</i>	
T – February 14	Police Officers I: Entering Police Work	Ch 5 + Class Notes
R – February 16	<i>(E-Chat 2 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – February 21	Police Officers II: On the Job	Ch 6 + Class Notes
R – February 23	<i>Exam 3 (Chapters 4, 5 & 6)</i>	
	<u>Part III STRATEGIES OF POLICING</u>	
T – February 28	Patrol: The Backbone of Policing	Ch 7 + Class Notes
R – March 2	<i>(E-Chat 3 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – March 14	Peace Keeping and Order Maintenance	Ch 8 + Class Notes
R – March 16	<i>Assignment 4</i>	
T – March 21	Accountability of the Police	Ch 14 + Class Notes
R – March 23	<i>Exam 4 (Chapters 7, 8 & 14)</i>	
T – March 28	Police and Crime	Ch 9 + Class Notes
R – March 30	<i>(E-Chat 4 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – April 4	Innovations in Police Strategy	Ch 10 + Class Notes
R – April 6	<i>Exam 5 (Chapters 9 & 10)</i>	
	<u>Part IV STRATEGIES OF POLICING (Cont.)</u>	
T – April 11	Police Discretion	Ch 11 + Class Notes
R – April 13	<i>Assignment 5</i>	
T – April 18	Police-Community Relations	Ch 12 + Class Notes
R – April 20	<i>(E-Chat 5 – Due by Now)</i>	
T – April 25	Police Corruption	Ch 13 + Class Notes
R – April 27	<i>Exam 6 (Half from Chapters 11, 12 & 13; Half Cumulative)</i>	