Program in Criminal Justice

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Criminal Justice 202:202:02 POLICE - SYNOPSIS

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Common Hour Exams:
October 5th
November 9th

Description: This course will provide students with an in-depth examination of the institution of policing, from its very beginnings to the present day. This course *does not* provide pre-professional training in policing. Topics given special emphasis in the course include the social, political, legal, and technological forces shaping the police profession, the challenges of policing a Democratic and diverse society, police discretion and behavior, the effectiveness of particular police interventions, and police reform and accountability. Students will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the American policing system through a combination of textbook readings, classroom lectures and discussions, supplemental videos, and a guest speaker. Although the classroom presentations and discussions will often parallel the readings, students will be expected to do all assigned readings on their own.

Student Learning Outcome Goals:
Students who complete the course should understand the special role of the Police within society and the criminal justice system. Students should understand sources of variability across police organizations with respect police interactions with various social groups. In addition, students should be able to apply their understanding of core concepts and theories in policing to analyze real world problems and to evaluate alternative policy proposals on a range of policing issues.

Required Texts:

Cox, Steven M., Marchiionna, Susan and Fitch, Brian D. (2017). *Introduction to Policing*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. 3rd Edition

Anticipated Assignments and Grading Structure (assignments, papers, projects, exams, and other methods of evaluation, with due dates where available):

Attendance	6% (10 pts.)	(recompute %'s with 180 base w/ optional paper)
Paper Assignment:	6% (10 pts.)	
First Exam (Oct 5th):	25% (40 pts.)	
Second Exam (Nov. 9th)	31% (50 pts.)	
Final Exam (Dec 18th):	31% (50 pts.)	
Possible Extra Credit:	+6% (10 pts.)	
[Optional Research Essay	11% (20 pts on 180 pt. scale)]	

Final Exam/Paper:
http://finalexams.rutgers.edu/
December 18th (12 p.m)