

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS102-61, Police and Society, Winter Session 2023

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time: Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM live streamed Zoom lectures; Recordings of all class sessions available through Canvas Modules.
Classroom:

3. *Critically assess the historical development of policing in America and its influence on policing in modern society.*
4. *Develop skills to distinguish ethical from unethical and unprofessional behavior in policing.*
5. *Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of ethical behavior and accountability of police in a democracy.*
6. *Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.*

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

Oliver, Willard M. (2020). *Policing America: An Introduction* (2nd edition). Wolters Kluwer, ISBN 978-1-5438-1087-5

Students may purchase texts on line and/or through the Spartan Bookstore.

Other Readings

Additional course materials will be found through Canvas Files.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

Internet, computer, microphone & camera.

Library Liaison

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Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments and quizzes will not be accepted for credit without prior agreement.

Students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades. **Students are encouraged to review their progress by no later than Week Two (Thursday, January 12th) and periodically throughout the Winter Session**, during office hours and/or by email appointment.

Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL/LLD 100A with a C or better (C- not accepted), and completion of Core General Education are prerequisite to all SJSU Studies courses. Completion of, or co-registration in, 100W is strongly recommended. A minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in GE Areas R, S, & V shall be required of all students.

Classroom Protocol

Attendance/Punctuality

Our class is offered completely online with live streamed lectures. Students are provided the opportunity to be virtually present and interact during regularly scheduled live streamed Zoom lectures, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, and review questions and course subject matter during regularly scheduled office hours on Zoom and/or via email. Regular attendance and punctuality are encouraged not required.

Late Assignments/Missed Quizzes

Late assignments and missed quizzes will not be accepted for credit without prior agreement.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](#), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on Syllabus Information web page (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>). Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Additional Information

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Students are assigned reading, writing and research assignments during class and as reflected below.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	Tuesday, January 3	Introductions/Course overview; Textbook, Syllabus, Class, Assignment, Quiz, Final Paper & Final Examination formats/expectations; SARA model problem-solving approach; Law enforcement Oath of Office; To protect and serve who exactly? Discussion/In class exercise: <i>What is the role and purpose of police in the United States? Do we need police?</i>
1	Wednesday, January 4	Assign Quiz #1 (DUE NO LATER THAN 1/6 with Weekly Assignment #1); A time before cops; Dawn of the police station; General strategies for crime prevention and response; Constables, Night Watches, Marshals, Sheriffs and the evolution of early American law enforcement; Tensions between the interest to control crime and individual expectations of due process; Government v. Private agencies; Read Chapters 1 & 2: Policing (pgs 1-22) and History (pgs 27-50); Review Keywords (pgs 22 & 50); Discussion/In-class exercise: <i>To what does a police officer typically swear in their oath of office? Why are police officers required to make such an oath?</i>
1	Thursday, January 5	Assign Final Project (DUE NO LATER THAN 1/20 with Final Examination); Sir Robert Peel, The Metropolitan Police Act of 1829 & Nine Principles of Policing; Vigilance Committees; Policing by consent; Enforcing the Rule of Law, whipping posts & hanging trees; Warriors v. Guardians; Read Chapters 3 & 4: Agencies (pgs 55-83) and Organization (pgs 89-115); Review Keywords (pgs 83-84 & 116); Discussion/In-class exercise: <i>What is signi</i>

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