SOC/CRM 3780 – Policing Society: A Sociological Analysis
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Catalog Course Description: A study of police roles, subculture, and organizational structure as well as a critical look at how police behavior enacts the democratic dilemma of balancing social order with individual freedoms.

Learning Objectives:

1. Examine how the history of police in the United States shapes our understanding of current relationships with historically marginalized communities
2. Understand how police operate at the local, state, and federal level and how those roles and responsibilities overlap and differ from one another
3. Identify how potential officers are recruited, selected, and trained and the challenges that accompany these processes
4. Examine patrol techniques and investigative strategies and how these practices are impacted by police discretion
5. Understand the ways in which police are bound by the rule of law, with special attention paid to the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution
6. Examine the health and safety issues that affect law enforcement officers and their families
7. Discuss police use of force, excessive force, and police brutality
8. Identify forms of police corruption and misconduct, along with formal and informal remedies
9. Examine community-oriented policing and problem-oriented policing
10. Understand the current issues in police work

Additional readings will be posted on Desire2Learn (D2L) in the corresponding module for each topic. Frequently asked questions about EIU’s textbook rental service can be found here: https://www.eiu.edu/textbook/contedfaq.php.

Desire2Learn (D2L): This course utilizes D2L for communication and course management purposes. D2L can be accessed using a panther ID and password. Course announcements can be found under “News”.

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Electronic Communication: I, Dr. Lynch, plan to respond to your emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday and within 48 hours on weekends and holidays. All electronic communication should come from a Panthermail account, as personal emails may wind up in spam/junk folders and be sent to my Panthermail account (clynch2@eiu.edu). Emails should be of a professional tone and include the following components: 1) clearly stated subject line, 2) a greeting, 3) your name and course section, 4) clearly stated purpose of the email, and 5) a closing/signature. Here is a great resource on how to write a professional email: How to Write an Email to a Professor.

Work Requirements:  

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Midterm Exams: Your midterms will be administered during class time on Friday, September 30th and Friday, November 4th, and will cover material from Weeks 1-6 and Weeks 7-11, respectively. The midterms will include 15 multiple choice questions (worth one point each) and five short-answer questions (worth three points each). A review sheet for both midterms is available on D2L in the “course resources” folder and includes a comprehensive list of all topics that are considered “fair game” for both exams.

Final Exam: The final exam will be available on D2L during finals week from Monday, December 12th at 6:00AM to Thursday, December 15th at 11:59PM and you will have two hours to complete the exam once it has been opened. The exam will include 20 multiple choice questions (worth one point each) and ten short-answer questions (worth three points each). You are free to access notes and reading material but beware of the false sense of security that comes with taking an open note exam! A review sheet for the final is available on D2L in the “course resources” folder and includes a comprehensive list of all topics that are considered “fair game” for the exam.

The EIU Student Success Center offers some great test taking tips! Check them here: https://www.eiu.edu/success/testtaking.php.
Writing Assignments: There are three different writing assignments for this course, including a criminal investigation assignment (2-3 pages), an officer down assignment (3-4 pages), and a research paper (4-5 pages). Writing assignment prompts and guidelines, examples, rubrics, and APA style guides are available in the “course resources” module in D2L. All writing assignments are to be submitted by 11:59PM on their respective due dates via D2L in their corresponding DropBox.

For students interested in submitting any of these writing assignments to EIU’s Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP), additional information about the EWP can be found here: https://www.eiu.edu/bgs/ewp.php.

Academic Fraud: Plagiarism and cheating are academic fraud. Academic fraud is a serious matter and will result in an automatic F in the course, in addition to being reported to the Student Standards Board for further disciplinary action. For more information refer the “Student Conduct Code” which can be found here: http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php.

Course Overview and Expectations:

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<th>Module</th>
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| An Introduction to Police in the United States (August 22-26) | This module provides students with an overview of how police operate in the United States.  
  - Read Chapter 1                                  |
| The History of the Police (August 29-September 2) | This module analyzes the four eras of policing in the United States, with special attention paid to the historical roots of police conflict with marginalized communities.  
  - Read Chapter 2 and Origins of Modern Policing article in D2L |
| Characteristics of Law Enforcement Agencies (September 7-9) | This module examines the characteristics and structure of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.  
  - No class on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day  
  - Read Chapter 3                                       |
| The Role of the Police (September 12-16) | This module discusses the roles of the police and the styles of policing, and how these responsibilities are managed and controlled.  
  - Read Chapter 4 and Police Expectations article in D2L     |
| Police Recruitment, Selection, and Training (September 19-23) | This module analyzes the ways in which police are recruited, selected, and trained and will feature guest speakers from various law enforcement agencies.  
  - Read Chapter 5 and Black Police Academy article in D2L   |
| Patrol (September 26-30) | This module examines various police patrol techniques and some of the issues associated with these strategies.  
  - Read Chapter 6  
  - Exam 1 Friday, September 30th during class time         |
| Criminal Investigations (October 3-5) | This module examines different types of criminal investigations, including reactive investigations, cold case investigations, and undercover investigations.  
  - Read Chapter 7  
  - No class on Friday, October 7th (Fall Break) |
This module examines how crimes are solved, along with different types of evidence.

- Read Unsolved Cases article in D2L
- Criminal investigation paper due Friday, October 14th

This module examines the ways in which police around bound by the Fourth Amendment, and the critical role search and seizure plays in police operations.

- Read Chapter 9

This module discusses the impact of various SCOTUS decisions on police work, as well as department policies.

- Read SCOTUS article in D2L
- Exam 2 Friday, November 4th during class

This module addresses the effects of occupational stress and the physical hazards associated with police work.

- Read Chapter 10 and Police Suicides article in D2L

This module examines reasonable force, unnecessary force, police brutality.

- Read Chapter 11 and Deadly Force article in D2L
- No class November 16 and 18: Watch the documentary Policing the Police on D2L in lieu of class on Wednesday and Friday
- Officer Down assignment due Friday, November 18th via D2L

Regretfully, I will not be returning to campus after Thanksgiving Break, as I need to undergo knee surgery which will severely limit my ability to walk and drive for several weeks. Therefore, the last two weeks of instruction will be delivered asynchronously online, and you will access pre-recorded lectures on your own time. Your final exam will also be delivered online and will be available to you Monday through Thursday of finals week. I apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause you, and I thank you in advance for your understanding. I will be available via email, phone, and Zoom during this time.

This module discusses forms of police misconduct and corruption, along with community-oriented policing strategies to repair public trust.

- Read Chapters 12 and 13
- Access the Police Misconduct pre-recorded lecture on D2L

This module discusses some of the current issues in policing, including defunding the police, recent court cases, and police partnerships with social workers in mental health emergencies.

- Read the Co-Responder Model article in D2L
- Access the Contemporary Issues pre-recorded lecture on D2L
- Police misconduct paper due Friday, December 9th via D2L

Final Exam on D2L (available from Monday, December 12th at 6:00AM to Thursday, December 15th at 11:59PM)

**Accommodations for Students with Accessibility Needs:** Students with accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services (217-581-6583) to discuss any necessary academic accommodations. Additional information about the various services available at EIU can be found here: [https://www.eiu.edu/disability/](https://www.eiu.edu/disability/).

**Student Success Center:** For students who experience difficulties achieving academic goals, EIU’s Student Success Center offers a variety of services, including workshops, tutoring, time management strategies, study tips, and more. Additional information about the Student Success Center can be found here: [https://www.eiu.edu/success/index.php](https://www.eiu.edu/success/index.php).
**Early Alert System:** EIU’s Early Alert System is designed to notify students when they are falling below academic standards, including excessive absences, late or missing work, and poor performances on assignments and/or exams. This course utilizes the Early Alert System on a case-by-case basis when appropriate.

**Student Well-Being:** EIU is committed to supporting and advancing the mental health and well-being of our students. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal mental health and well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, anxiety, depression, alcohol or other drugs, identities, and finances.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help is a courageous thing to do for yourself and those who care about you. Below is a list of available campus resources to assist with student well-being:

- **EIU Counseling Clinic:** Human Services Building, 1st floor; 217-581-3413; for after-hours urgent support, call 1-866-567-2400. The Counseling Clinic offers individual and group counseling, emergency services, and resources.
- **Online Mental Health Screening:** online, private screening tool for depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and alcohol and substance misuse.
- **EIU Heath Clinic:** Human Services Building, 1st floor; 217-581-3013. The Health Clinic services include lab work, pharmacy, and women’s health and men’s health programs.
- **Health Education Resource Center (HERC):** 2201 Blair Hall; 217-581-7786. The HERC offers health programming in the areas of alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and education, flu and cold prevention and education, nutritional analysis and education, and sexual health education, in addition to other health-related topics.
- **Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD):** Stevenson Hall, lower level; 217-581-7117. The GSD Center provides services such as the Trans*formation Station, a large library full of books and movies, year-round programming, and a comprehensive Safe Zone Training program.
- **EIU Campus Food Pantry:** 1347 McAfee. The EIU Campus Food Pantry is a means to support students and the campus community by alleviating barriers to consistent, adequate, and healthful food. Anyone with a Panther Card can visit the pantry two times per month.
- **Student Legal Service:** MLK Jr University Union Room 2420; 217-581-6054. Student Legal Service can assist with off-campus housing issues, traffic violations, misdemeanor criminal offenses, municipal ordinance violations, and expungement.
• **Financial Aid and Scholarships**: Student Services Building East Wing; 217-581-6405, Fax: 217-581-6422, finaid@eiu.edu. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships provides information and guidance to secure the necessary financial resources to meet educational goals and financial obligations to the university.

This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.