

CRCJ 2030-001: Police & Society

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Course Description

This course is designed to explore the role of the police in American society. Attention is given to the origins of policing, the nature of police organizations and police work, and patterns of relations between the police and the public. The values of a democratic society as they affect the law enforcement role are discussed.

Required Readings

- [Policing \(3rd Edition\)](#), by John Worrall and Frank Schmalleger. ISBN-13: 978-0-13-444192-4.
- Additional required readings are linked [here](#).

Office Hours

I have office hours immediately before our class. You can drop in during this time if you have questions or concerns about the course, your grade, etc. If these times don't work for you, email me to set up an appointment.

Communication Etiquette

Email is the best way to reach me with questions or concerns. Please include the course name in the subject, begin all emails with a greeting, describe your concern or specific question(s), and conclude with your full name.

Assignments

Exams

There will be three exams over the course of the semester, comprised of multiple choice and short-answer questions drawn from the assigned readings and class discussions. You will have the entire class session to complete each exam. Each exam is worth 25% of your final grade.

Other Assignments

Periodically, you will be required to complete reading quizzes, writing assignments, or group activities. Collectively, these will account for the remaining 25% of your final grade.

Grades

- Exam 1: 25%
- Exam 2: 25%
- Exam 3: 25%
- Other Assignments: 25%

These weighted scores will be added up at the end of the semester to generate your overall grade in the course:

Letter Grade	Score
A+	97 - 100
A	93 - 96
A-	90 - 92
B+	87 - 89
B	83 - 86
B-	80 - 82
C+	77 - 79
C	73 - 76
C-	70 - 72
D+	67 - 69
D	63 - 66
D-	60 - 62
F	0 - 59

Makeup Policy

Barring a family emergency or sickness, missed exams or assignments may not be made up. If either of these situations do arise, please contact me immediately so that we can make arrangements.

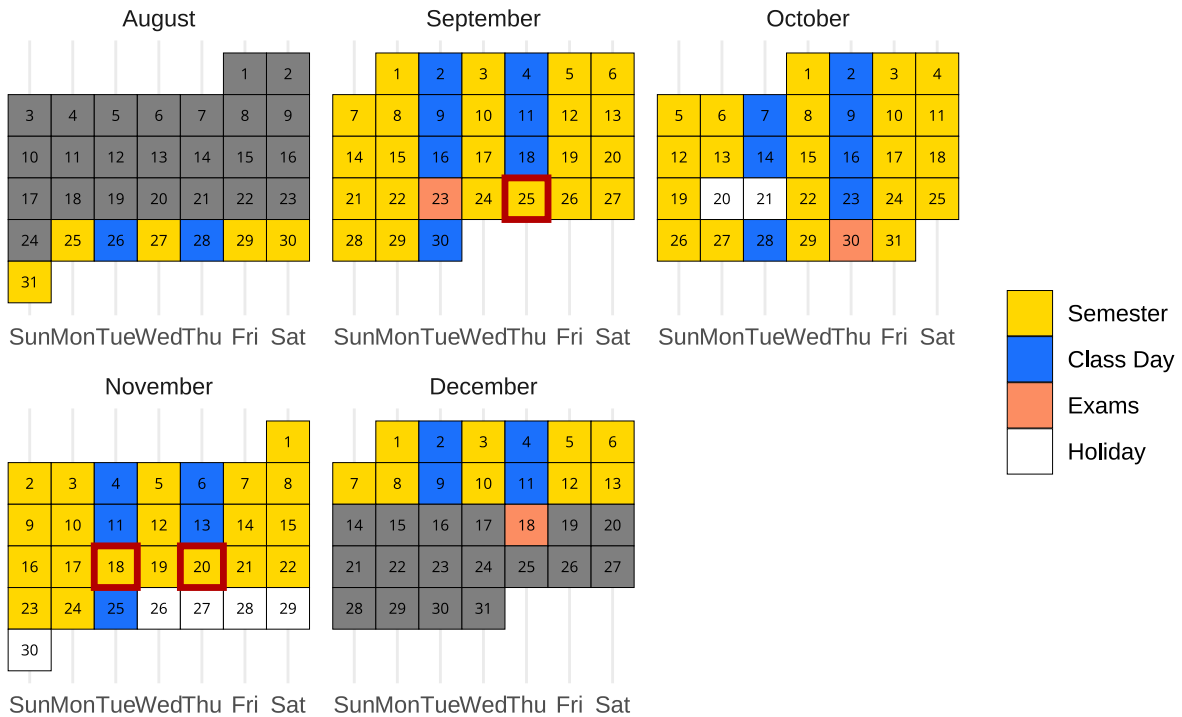
Academic Integrity

Don't cheat. Students should familiarize themselves with the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities and the [policy on academic integrity](#). Any form of academic dishonesty is unacceptable. Instances of academic dishonesty will, at a minimum, result in a failing grade for that assignment, and a record of academic dishonesty will be placed in the student's academic file that is maintained by the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Instances of academic dishonesty may also be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

Students with Accessibility Needs

Reasonable accommodations are provided for students who are registered with the Accessibility Services Center and make their requests sufficiently in advance. For more information, contact the Accessibility Services Center (MBSC 126, Phone 554-2872, TTY 554-3799, or visit their [website](#)).

Course Calendar



Instructor away (outlined): 9/25, 11/18, 11/20 • Fall Break 10/20–10/21 • Thanksgiving Break 11/26–11/30

Tentative Class Schedule

Week 1 : 8/26 & 8/28

- Introductions and review of syllabus
- A brief overview of US policing today
- W&S Chapter 1

Week 2 : 9/02 & 9/04

- W&S Chapter 2
- [Padilla & Fine 2020](#)

Week 3 : 9/09 & 9/11

- W&S Chapter 3

Week 4 : 9/16 & 9/18

- W&S Chapter 4

Week 5 : 9/23 & 9/25

- EXAM 1 ON Sep. 23rd
- No class on Sep. 25th

Week 6 : 9/30 & 10/02

- W&S Chapter 5
- [Sierra-Arévalo 2020](#)
- [Criminal Injustice Podcast - Episode #139](#)

Week 7 : 10/07 & 10/09

- W&S Chapter 6
- [Probable Causation Podcast - Episode #44](#)

Week 8 : 10/14 & 10/16

- W&S Chapter 8
- [Sierra-Arévalo 2021](#)

Week 9 : 10/21 & 10/23

- No class on Oct. 21st - Fall Break
- W&S Chapter 9
- [Abt 2021](#)
- [Chalfin et al. 2021](#)

Week 10 : 10/28 & 10/30

- EXAM 2 on Oct. 30th

Week 11 : 11/04 & 11/06

- W&S Chapter 10
- [Kansas v. Glover, 589 U.S. ____ \(2020\)](#)

Week 12 : 11/11 & 11/13

- W&S Chapter 11
- [Stoughton et al. 2020](#)
- [Cubukcu et al. 2021](#)

Week 13 : 11/18 & 11/20

- No class 11/18 or 11/20 - ASC Conference

Week 14 : 11/25 & 11/27

- W&S Chapter 12
- No class on 11/27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15 : 12/02 & 12/04

- W&S Chapter 13
- [Tennessee v. Garner, 471 U.S. 1 \(1985\)](#)
- [Graham v. Connor et al., 490 U.S. 386 \(1989\) - Oral Argument](#)
- [Kisela v. Hughes, 584 U.S. ____ \(2018\)](#)

Week 16 : 12/09 & 12/11

- Review for final

Week 17 : 12/16 & 12/18

- FINAL EXAM on Dec. 18th