TRAFFIC LAW AND INVESTIGATION (CJLE 1333)
SYLLABUS
SCH: 3 LECTURE / 0 LAB

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
An overview of the basic principles of traffic control, traffic law enforcement, court procedures and traffic law. Subject will include history of vehicles, history of traffic law, recognizing traffic law violations, handling the traffic stop and accident investigation. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to recognize a traffic violation, analyze accident causation, and explain the basics of traffic stops.
★ This course is not designed to transfer to four year colleges and universities. Schools offering degrees in criminal justice or related disciplines may, at their discretion, accept this course in transfer, but transferability is neither implied nor guaranteed.
This is an academic course at Midland College, and is not to be construed as a continuing education course. This course qualifies as a specialty course elective for the AAS - Law Enforcement Degree option.

COURSE TEXT:
References: Related court cases; historical documents; related textbooks in the field
Supplies: Students will bring notebooks, pens, pencils, and Scantron® sheets for examinations to class. It is suggested that students purchase several Scantron sheets, both objective-type and essay-type, at the beginning of the semester, and have them available during class, in the event an unannounced quiz is given.

COURSE GOALS / OBJECTIVES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
- explain the elements of a traffic stop;
- analyze traffic accident causation;
- discuss the importance of the automobile in the economic development of the United States;
- explain the purposes of traffic laws and the need for a sound traffic law enforcement program;
- explain the differences between the spirit of the law and letter of the law.

Participation Statement: For Online courses, students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment by the official census date. Students who do not do so, will be dropped from the course.
Each student should anticipate at least one hour out of class preparation for each lecture hour, plus study time preparing for examinations. Attendance is important in this class.
Portable cellular phones, beepers, and similar paging devices may be disruptive to the
class, and you are encouraged NOT to bring them into the classroom. If you do bring them to class, please make sure they are turned off. Should they become a nuisance, you may be asked to remove them from the classroom. The wearing of hats and the consumption of food are not allowed in during class, and, pursuant to Midland College Policy 5:14:02, the use of tobacco products (smoking, dipping, chewing, etc.) is prohibited in the building, including the classroom.

**Students missing a major examination must make the exam before the next class period unless special arrangements are made.** Make-up examinations may be the same as, or different from, the examination given in class. Make-up examinations will cover the same material as the scheduled examination. Failure to make up an examination will result in a grade of zero for the missed exam. No make-up opportunity is available for the final exam. Final exams are not given early or late. The instructor reserves the right to give quizzes, announced or unannounced, at any time. There is no opportunity to make up quizzes that are missed.

The instructor cannot drop students from courses. It is your responsibility to drop a class if you no longer plan to attend and complete the semester. Check the Midland College catalog for the last day to drop a course. You may be limited in the number of courses you can drop, and you may not be entitled to a tuition refund if you drop a course.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**
The class meets for three hours per week.

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**
Instructor: Brian Kneisley  
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Office Hours announced in class and posted on the instructor’s door and Canvas site

**Students with Disabilities:** Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students with disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester.