LEGAL ASPECTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (CRIJ 2323)
SYLLABUS
SCH: 3 LECTURE / 0 LAB

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is a study of police authority, responsibilities, constitutional constraints, laws of arrest, search and seizure, and police liability.

TEXT AND SUPPLIES:

Reference materials used by instructor include:
Assorted texts, court cases, journals, films, and instructional material appropriate to the course.

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:
• explain levels of police contact;
• explain various types of searches;
• explain probable cause as a legal concept;
• define terms applicable to course material, including reasonable suspicion, probable cause, warrant, and magistrate;
• differentiate frisks from searches and discuss warrantless and plain view searches;
• distinguish between search and arrest warrants and identify duties of officers when executing warrants;
• distinguish detentions from arrests;
• identify situations requiring Miranda warning;
• identify what can be seized during searches;
• explain police liability resulting from misconduct.

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.

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**

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Office Hours: Subject to change each semester, office hours are posted and announced in class.

**ADA Statement:** Any student who because of a disabling condition may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact the Counselor/Disability Specialist at 432-685-5598 as soon as possible. The Counselor/Disability Specialist is located in the Scharbauer Student Center Building. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations/documentation.