POLICE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES (CRIJ 2328)
SYLLABUS
SCH: 3 LECTURE / 0 LAB

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Exploration of the profession of police officers. Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to: discuss the need for professionalism within the police profession; discuss and give examples of the basic organizational structures used in modern police agencies; discuss the use of discretion in police work; define the role of police in today's society; discuss issues concerning morality and ethics within the police agency; demonstrate the need for police-community interaction; and discuss current and future issues within law enforcement.

This course focuses on the administrative aspects of law enforcement. It will acquaint the student with concepts of policing, basic organizational structures, police behavior, and contemporary issues in policing. Ethics, factors that affect police performance, and the role of the police are emphasized.

TEXT AND SUPPLIES:

COURSE GOALS /OBJECTIVES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- describe the types of police agencies and explain the role of police in America within the context of a democratic society;
- describe means and methods utilized to ensure police accountability;
- explain the historical development of policing;
- describe the selection process for police officers;
- compare and contrast organizational structures, policies, strategies and tactics employed to ensure police effectiveness, efficiency and equity.

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 lecture hours per week.

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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.