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.

This course includes a semester project, often referred to as a capstone project. The exact nature of the project varies from semester to semester, and constitutes a significant part of the course grade. The final course grade is an average of the project, a final exam, an attendance grade, and writing assignments that are made throughout the semester.