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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**AND**

**INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**POLICE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES**

**CRIJ\_2328\_75**

**DENNIS A. STAPLETON**

**NOTE: This is a 16-week course.**

**COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

**Course Description:**

Presents the study of management, organization and administration of law enforcement systems. The police role and discretion, ethics, police community interaction as well as current and future issues will be presented.

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

CRIJ 1301 with a grade of C or better or approval of the program director.

**Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

It is recommended that before attending class, that students read each assigned chapter and be familiar with terms located inside each chapter. Students need to be familiar with and be able to navigate D2L/Brightspace. Assignments and exams will be assigned and submitted in D2L/Brightspace. Class announcements and handouts will be made through D2L/Brightspace.

**Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Dennis Stapleton

MCC E-mail: [dstapleton@mclennan.edu](mailto:dstapleton@mclennan.edu)

Office Telephone Number: 254.299.6524

Office Location: ESEC 228

Office/Teacher Conference Hours:

Call for an appointment.

Monday and Wednesday: 9:30AM to 11:00AM

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00AM to 9:15AM and 11:15AM to Noon

By appointment upon request via email. Due to COVID-19, conferences will be conducted via ZOOM.

Other Instruction Information: Advising by appointment only call 254.299.6502 to make an appointment.

- I will not respond to any voice mail, email or message after 9:00 p.m. and before 8:00

a.m. I am not available on Sunday mornings before noon. Please do not attempt to contact me during these hours. I will respond at my earliest availability.

- I *do not* use Bright Space Instant messenger.
- Email is the best communication method. I do monitor email via my cell phone, so this is the **PREFERED** communication method.

### **Required Text & Materials:**

Title: An Introduction to Policing

Author: John S. Dempsey and Linda S. Forst

Edition: 9<sup>th</sup>

Publisher: Cengage Learning

ISBN: 9781337739337

**MCC Bookstore Website:** <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

### **Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

The course will be taught through lectures, visual and audio aids, class participation and guest speakers when available. Refer to the documents presented on the MCC D2L/Brightspace Announcement tab and the Content tab for this course.

### **NOTE from the Professor:**

This class is scheduled to be 100% face to face (f2f). In the event of an undetermined event (such as an outbreak of COVID-19), the class may be offered as f2f, 100% on-line, or any combination thereof. The professor will notify the students of how the class will be offered via student email.

### **Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

The student will develop knowledge in explaining and analyzing police administration in terms of its two interdependent components; police organization and police management, which will include the interrelations controlling the bureaucratic structure of police administration that embodies the hierarchy, authority, span of control, delegation of authority, and communications. The student will also develop knowledge about the various administrative models which have

molded current managerial thought, and have an effect on the major elements of police management of planning, organizing, decision making, budgeting, and directing.

The student should have knowledge of using a Web browser, computer, and email: the ability to create and save documents; the ability to send and receive electronic documents; and a general understanding of online technologies and appropriate online behavior.

**Course Outline or Schedule:**

30 classes plus 1 (80 minute classes and three exams at 80 minutes. 120 minutes for final exam)

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CLASS #	DATE	TOPIC/CHAPTER
Class # 1	Tuesday, January 10, 2023	Orientation
Class # 2	Thursday, January 12, 2023	Chapter 1: Police History
*****	<b>Friday, January 13, 2023</b>	<b>INFORMATION QUIZ DUE</b>
Class # 3	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	Chapter 1: Police History
Class # 4	Thursday, January 19, 2023	Chapter 2: Organizing Public Security in the U.S.
Class # 5	Tuesday, January 24, 2023	Chapter 2: Organizing Public Security in the U.S.
Class # 6	Thursday, January 26, 2023	Chapter 3: Organizing the Police Department
Class # 7	Tuesday, January 31, 2023	Chapter 3: Organizing the Police Department
Class # 8	<b>Thursday, February 2, 2023</b>	<b>EXAM I (Via Brightspace)</b>
Class # 9	Tuesday, February 7, 2023	Chapter 4: Becoming a Police Officer
Class # 10	Thursday, February 9, 2023	Chapter 4: Becoming a Police Officer
Class # 11	Tuesday, February 14, 2023	Chapter 4: Becoming a Police Officer
Class # 12	Thursday, February 16, 2023	Chapter 5: The Police Role and Police Discretion
Class # 13	Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Chapter 5: The Police Role and Police Discretion
Class # 14	Thursday, February 23, 2023	Chapter 6: Police Culture, Personality, & Police Stress
Class # 15	Tuesday, February 28, 2023	Chapter 6: Police Culture, Personality, & Police Stress
Class # 16	Thursday, March 2, 2023	<b>EXAM II (Via Brightspace)</b>
	<b>March 6-10, 2023</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
Class # 17	Tuesday, March 14, 2023	Chapter 7: Minorities in Policing
Class # 18	Thursday, March 16, 2023	Chapter 7: Minorities in Policing
Class # 19	Tuesday, March 21, 2023	Chapter 8: Police Ethics and Police Deviance
Class # 20	Thursday, March 23, 2023	Chapter 8: Police Ethics and Police Deviance
Class # 21	<b>Tuesday, March 28, 2023</b>	Chapter 9: Patrol Operations <b>Written Assignment</b>
Class # 22	Thursday, March 30, 2023	Chapter 9: Patrol Operations
Class # 23	Tuesday, April 4, 2023	Chapter 10: Investigations
Class # 24	Thursday, April 6, 2023	Chapter 10: Investigations
Class # 25	<b>Tuesday, April 11, 2023</b>	<b>EXAM III (Via Brightspace)</b>
Class # 26	Thursday, April 13, 2023	Chapter 11: Police and their Clients
Class # 27	Tuesday, April 18, 2023	Chapter 12: Community Policing: the Debate Cont.
Class # 28	Thursday, April 20, 2023	Chapter 13: Police and the Law
Class # 29	Tuesday, April 25, 2023	Chapter 14: Computers, Technology & Criminalistics
Class # 30	Thursday, April 27, 2023	Chapter 15: Homeland Security
Class # 31	<b>Tuesday, May 2, 2023</b>	<b>EXAM IV (Via Brightspace)) 120 Min. EXAM PERIOD</b>
		<b>Grades submitted by Noon May 3, 2023</b>

## Course Grading Information:

1. At the beginning of the semester, there is an on-line Information Quiz. The student will use the course syllabus, course schedule and written assignment documents for this quiz.

The purpose is to ensure the student has knowledge of the course syllabi. **This is a mandatory assignment.**

2. Attendance: Being on time and present for the entire 85-minute class is important. Each student will place their initials on the daily class role to indicate they are present. If the student does not initial the document, they will be marked as absent. The instructor will note on the daily class role if a student is tardy to class.
3. Four (4) objective style tests will be given during the semester.
  - a. Tests will cover the material presented in class and from the textbook.
  - b. Tests will be given when the appropriate material has been covered in class.
  - c. Students will take the exams during the class time but there is no formal meeting at the class. The exam will be available in the D2L/Brightspace platform and will be open during the exam date/time. Students must take the exam during the designated date/time. If a student is unable to take the exam during the date/time, they shall contact the professor prior to the beginning of the exam. If there is no communication from the student to the professor, and the exam is not taken at the designated date/time, the grade will be recorded as a ZERO.
4. Written Assignment: A written assignment is due on a specified date. The written assignment instructions is a separate document posted on D2L/Brightspace.
5. **Assignment of Grades: (Rubric)**

1. Information/Syllabus Quiz: 14.28%
  2. Attendance: 14.30%
  3. EXAM I: 14.28%
  4. EXAM II: 14.28%
  5. EXAM III: 14.28%
  6. EXAM IV: 14.28%
  7. Written Assignment: 14.30%
- $14.30 + 14.28 + 14.28 + 14.28 + 14.28 = 100\%$

There is **NO** Mid-term or Final Exam in this course.

**GRADING:**

The following grading guidelines will prevail for all tests and written assignments.

100 - 90 = A    69 - 60 = D

89 - 80 = B    59 - 0 = F

79 - 70 = C

**Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

**A student is required to take the exam on the day and time it is scheduled.** Any make-up exams will be given the week before finals week. The only exception to this rule is if the student makes arrangements before the exam is given and/or the student has documentation of an emergency. If a student misses an exam and does not make arrangements with the Professor, a grade of a ZERO (0) will be entered in the grade book.

- a. The make-up examination may include objective type questions as well as essay questions. The type of make-up examination will be at the discretion of the instructor.

***A written report is Mandatory to complete this course. If a student fails to complete this assignment, they will receive an INCOMPLETE for the COURSE.*** A written report turned in after the due date will be graded starting at a grade of a 79% and decrease with errors to the written instructions. 10 Bonus points are available for those who submit their work prior to EXAM II.

**Attendance and being to class on time is important.** A student arriving late causes a disruption to the learning of the students that are on-time. A student that is persistent on being tardy may have their participation grade decreased no less than one letter grade. If a student is tardy four (4) times during the semester, that correlates to one class absence. The professor does follow the MCC attendance policy and will drop students for attendance reasons. Attendance is included in the FINAL GRADE.

**Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

It is the student's responsibility to read the General Conduct Responsibility Policy in the Highlander Guide (MCC Student Handbook) and the Mental Health Handbook. Any breeches of conduct will result in disciplinary action.

**Disturbances in the classroom, which include talking during class/lecture/exams, will not be tolerated.**

1. Students disturbing the class will be requested to leave the classroom or will have an assigned seat.
2. Continued disregard for classroom decorum will result in the student being dropped from the class rolls.

3. **Caps, hats, and sun glasses will not be worn in the classroom.** Sun glasses that are medically required may be worn.
4. Cheating during an exam or where related to a written assignment, will result in the student being given a FAILURE (F) for the course, and dropped from the class rolls.
5. Use of Laptop type computers and tablets is authorized for taking of notes. **Using this device to access social media network sites is prohibited.** This also includes cell phone type devices.
6. Plagiarism will not be tolerated in any written assignment.
7. E-Cigarette: (Electronic) are not permitted to be used in the classroom/campus.  
September 1, 2019 New Law: 21 years of age
8. **CELL PHONE POLICY: (This policy will be strictly enforced)**
  - A. All students with cell phones will be required to place their cell phone on silent before entering the classroom.
  - B. If a student receives an emergency call during class and he or she needs to answer the call:
    1. Quietly leave the classroom before answering the call.
    2. After completing their phone call students are asked to quietly enter the classroom in a manner that will not disturb the instructor or other students.
    3. First violation of the policy will result in the student not being able to have their cell phone activated during class.
    4. Second violation of the policy, the student will have 5 points deducted from their final grade point average.

### **Dress Policy:**

Students of the college, while on campus and/or participating in any function or activity of the college, are expected to meet acceptable standards of dress and personal hygiene.

A student's dress or personal hygiene shall be considered unacceptable if it inhibits or interferes with the educational responsibility of the college community or if it disrupts the administrative functions of the college, including social-educational activities.

**\* [Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)**

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