

Criminal Justice 432
Law Enforcement (3 credits)
Chaminade University

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Instructor:

Dr. Fagin is director of the undergraduate and graduate programs in Criminal Justice and director of the Masters Public Administration program. Dr. Fagin is author of a number articles on criminal justice, computer crime, terrorism and hostage negotiations. He received his BA from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and completed his M.S. and Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Course Description:

An examination of significant and controversial criminal justice topics, involving law enforcement agencies, primarily the police, clarifying, interpreting, and identifying the role of discretion in the system. Prerequisite: CJ 151.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course it is expected that the student:

1. will understand how the structure of law enforcement influences the justice process
2. will be familiar with several contemporary issues in law enforcement, understand the multi-faced nature of these issues, and will have considered various alternatives to resolve these issues
3. will know the major studies which have been conducted in law enforcement regarding the role of law enforcement, tasks performed, and impact upon crime
4. will understand the role of law enforcement agencies in society

Textbooks

Samuel Walker, *The Police in America: An Introduction* (3rd edition). McGraw-Hill, 1999

Attendance

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. It is recognized that there are times when the student will not be able to attend class but absence from class will impact upon the student's grade. This class is conducted as a seminar class and participation in each class session is considered important to the learning process. Missing a class is not an excuse for not being prepared for the next class, completing reading assignments or other projects which were assigned during the missed class. Certain presentations and assignments are of such a nature that it may be impossible to make them up if missed due to absence. If this is the case, the student will not receive credit for the work

Reading Assignments

It is absolutely necessary that reading assignments be completed **prior** to class or the student will not be prepared to participate meaningfully in discussions.

Grading

4 unit examinations (includes final examination)

Examination 1 Chapters 1- 3

Examination 2 Chapters 4 - 7

Examination 3 Chapters 6 - 11

Examination 4 Chapters 12 -14

A = 90 % of possible points

B = 80 % of possible points

C = 70 % of possible points

D = 60 % of possible points

Final Examination will be given on Wednesday, **May 10th** 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Thu 1/14 Syllabus Review
Thur 1/20 - What is the role of TL police. Exercise mission statement BPD
1/25 - 30 minute group time - Fin mission statement & discuss -
1/27 - Chapter 2 lecture