

**CRIMINOLOGY 220**  
**INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
**SPRING 2005      10:00 AM – 10:50 AM**  
**Mrs. Lisa Kay Decker**

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### **Required Text**

Danzker, Mark L., *Understanding Today's Police*, (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2003).  
ISBN 0-13-094106-9

### **Course Description**

An historical and theoretical overview of law enforcement in our society. The course examines the role of police in America, the organization of police departments, the issues facing policing today and the future of policing in America.

### **Office Hours**

I encourage each and every student to take the opportunity to stop by and see me during my office hours! Although I make every effort to be available during these hours, there are times when conflicts in my schedule require me to vary my office hours. I will make announcements in class, in advance, about additional office hours or changes in office hours. If you want to make sure I will be available to speak with you at a specific time during my office hours, you may make an appointment in advance. If you are unable to contact me about a question or problem, please contact my graduate assistant. See the staff information section of the course website for contact information for my graduate assistant, Chris Meyer.

## Course Web Site

The web site is an integral part of the course. I will use it to post the syllabus, announcements, reading assignments, grades, course notes, and information on any changes in the class schedule. I also use the e-mail function on the course web site to inform students about changes or important deadlines from time to time. I suggest that you check the web site and your e-mail frequently, especially if you have been absent.

## Grading

Grades will be based upon four exams throughout the semester, a comprehensive final exam, and on attendance and class participation. Each semester exam will be worth 50 points and the comprehensive final exam will be worth 100 points. 50 points of your grade will be based on class attendance and participation for a total of 350 possible in the course. See the following "Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams" for reading assignments and projected exam dates.

### EXAMS AND ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION WILL BE VALUED AS FOLLOWS:

<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Exam 3</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Exam 4</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Attendance &amp; participation</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Total possible for the course</b>	<b>350 points</b>

### GRADING SCALE

<b>A</b>	<b>315 - 350 points</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>304 - 314 points</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>280 - 303 points</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>269 - 279 points</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>245 - 268 points</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>234 - 244 points</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>210 - 233 points</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0 - 209 points</b>

## **Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams**

The following schedule is an estimate of the dates for various readings and exams. Students will be responsible for knowledge of any changes to the Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams, which may be announced in class. Students are expected to have completed the assigned readings prior to class and should be prepared to discuss the assigned readings during class.

**January 10 - Introduction to the course and its objectives**

**January 12 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 1, The Police Role in Our Society**

**January 14 – Complete Chapter 1**

**(Last day to add a class is January 16!!!!)**

**January 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. day - no classes**

**January 19 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 2, Policing From a Systems Perspective**

**January 21 – Continue discussion of Chapter 2**

**January 24 – Complete discussion of Chapter 2**

**January 26 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 3, Patrol**

**January 28 – Continue discussion of Chapter 3**

**January 31 – Complete discussion of Chapter 3**

**February 2 – Exam 1 over Chapters 1, 2 & 3**

**February 4 – Review Results of Exam 1, Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 4, Criminal Investigations and Other Support Units**

**February 7 – Continue discussion of Chapter 4**

**February 9 – Complete discussion of Chapter 4**

**February 11 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 5, Organization and Management**

**February 14 – Complete discussion of Chapter 5**

**February 16 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 6, Police and the Law**

**February 18 – Continue discussion of Chapter 6**

**February 21 – Complete Discussion of Chapter 6**

**February 23 – Exam 2 over Chapters 4, 5 & 6**

**February 25 – Review results of Exam 2. Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 7, The Use of Discretion**

**February 28 – Continue Discussion of Chapter 7**

**March 2 - Complete Discussion of Chapter 7**

**March 4 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 8, Relating to the Community**

**March 7 – Continue Discussion of Chapter 8**

**March 9 – Complete Discussion of Chapter 8**

**March 11 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 10, Quality Police Personnel**

**March 14 – Continue discussion of Chapter 10**

**March 16 - Complete discussion of Chapter 10**

**March 18 – Exam 3 over Chapters 7,8 & 10**

**(LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS!!! March 20)**

**March 21 - March 24 – Spring Break, no classes!! Classes Resume March 28.**

**March 28 – Review results of Exam 3, Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 11,**

**March 30 – Continue discussion of Chapter 11**

**April 1 – Complete discussion of Chapter 11**

**April 4 – Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 12, The Personality of Police Officers**

**April 6 – Continue discussion of Chapter 12**

**April 8 - Complete discussion of Chapter 12**

**April 11 - Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 13, Issues Today and Tomorrow**

**April 13 – Criminology Career Fair, Attendance Required!!!**

**April 15 – Continue discussion of Chapter 13**

**April 18 – Complete discussion of Chapter 13**

**April 20 – Exam 4 over Chapters 11, 12 & 13**

**April 22 – Review results of Exam 4 & discuss final exam**

**April 25 – Panel of Law Enforcement Guest Speakers – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY!!**

**April 27 – Panel of Law Enforcement Guest Speakers – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY!!**

**April 29 - Panel of Law Enforcement Guest Speakers – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY!!**

## **FINAL EXAM DATES**

**MONDAY MAY 2 at 10:00 am – CRIM 220 FINAL EXAM**