

CRJS 2601 - Policing

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41952,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

2601. Policing. The evolution, structure, and function of modern police organizations; the role of police in a democratic society; the impact of social, political, and economic influences; contemporary practices and controversies. Prereq.: CRJS 1500. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	POLICE IN AMERICA	STEVEN BRANDL	978107187823R180, 3rd, 24

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Fall 2026 Course Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapters' 1 and 2	Textbook Topics	Please read Chapters' 1 and 2 in your textbook. Introduction Discussion due 08/30/26 by 11:59pm Module 1 Discussion – Initial discussion due 08/30/26 by 11:59pm; responses due 08/27/26 by 11:59pm Module 1 Assignment due 08/30/26 by 11:59pm
8/31	Chapters' 3 and 4	Textbook Topics	Please read Chapters' 3 and 4 in your textbook. Module 2 Discussion – Initial discussion due 09/03/26 by 11:59pm; responses due 09/06/26 by 11:59pm Module 2 Assignment due 09/06/26 by 11:59pm
9/7	Chapters' 5 and 6	Textbook Topics	Please read Chapters' 5 and 6 in your textbook. Module 3 Discussion – Initial discussion due 09/10/26 by 11:59pm; responses due 09/13/26 by 11:59pm Module 3 Assignment due 09/13/26 by 11:59pm

9/14	Chapters' 7 and 8	Textbook Topics	Please read Chapters' 7 and 8 in your textbook. Module 4 Discussion – Initial discussion due 09/17/26 by 11:59pm; responses due 09/20/26 Midterm Exam due 09/20/26 by 11:59pm (The exam will cover Chapters' 1-8)
9/21	Chapters' 9 and 10	Textbook Topics	Please read Chapters' 9 and 10 in your textbook. Module 5 Discussion – Initial discussion due 09/24/26 by 11:59pm; responses due 09/27/26 by 11:59pm. Module 5 Assignment due 09/27/26 by 11:59pm
9/28	Chapters' 11 and 12	Textbook Topics	Please read Chapters' 11 and 12 in your textbook. Module 6 Discussion – Initial discussion due 10/01/26 by 11:59pm; responses due 10/04/26 by 11:59pm. Module 6 Assignment due 10/04/26 by 11:59pm
10/5	Chapters' 13, 14, and 15	Textbook Topics	FINAL EXAM DUE THURSDAY 10/08/26 by 11:59pm (The exam will cover Chapters' 9-15)

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