

CRJS 2601 - Policing

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 41953,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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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	Chapter 1	Introduction	Please read Chapter 1
8/31	Chapter 2	History	Please read Chapter 2
9/7	Chapter 3	Structure	Please read Chapter 3 and Paper 1 is due 9/10
9/14	Chapter 4	Role	Please read Chapter 4
9/21	Chapter 5	Recruitment and training	Please read Chapter 5 and Exam 1 is 9/24
9/28	Chapter 6	Patrol	Please read Chapter 6 and Paper 2 is due 10/1
10/5	Chapter 7	Detection and investigation	Please read Chapter 7
10/12	Chapter 8	Discretion	Please read Chapter 8
10/19	Chapter 9	Search, seizure, and self-incrimination	Please read Chapter 9 and Paper 3 is due 10/22
10/26	Chapter 10	Health and safety	Please read Chapter 10
11/2	Chapter 11	Use of force	Please read Chapter 11 and Exam 2 11/5
11/9	Chapter 12	Misconduct and corruption	Please read Chapter 12
11/16	Chapter 13	Community and problem-oriented	Please read Chapter 13 and Paper 4 is due 11/19

11/23	Chapter 14	Evidence-based & intelligence-led	Please read Chapter 14 (YSU is closed 11/26)
11/30	Chapter 15	Crime, technology, and the future of US policing	Please read Chapter 15
12/7		Final Exam	Final Exam is Tuesday December 8 from 10:30-12:30pm

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