

CRJS 4870 - Law Enforcement Administration

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41991,

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Course Description

4870. Law Enforcement Administration. Detailed examination of the administration of line and staff services of law enforcement agencies and the role of technology in administration. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson. Prereq.: CRJS 3715 and senior standing. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	Police Administration: Structures, Processes, and Behavior 10th ed.	Swanson, C., Territo, L., Taylor, R., & Liederbach, J.	9780135728338

Optional, but strongly recommended. Quiz questions will be derived from the information in the text book.

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

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Chapter(s) 1 & 2 Swanson et al 10th ed. (2023) Quiz #1 Chapter(s) 1 & 2 Swanson et al 10th ed (2023) Topic 1 DQ 1 (Initial) Topic 1 DQ 2 (Initial) Topic 1 DQ 1 (Responsive) Topic 1 DQ 2 (Responsive)	The Evolution of Law Enforcement Administration	10/24/2026
10/26	Chapter(s) 9 & 12 Swanson et al 10 ed. (2023) Quiz #2 Chapter(s) 9 & 12 Swanson et al 10th ed. (2023) Topic 2 DQ1 (Initial) Topic 2 DQ 1 Responsive)	Financial Management	10/31/2026



11/2	Chapter(s) 5 & 6 Swanson et al 10 ed. (2023) Organizational Theory and Design	11/07/2026
	Quiz #3 Chapter(s) 5 & 6 Swanson et al 10th ed. (2023) Topic 3 DQ1 (Initial) Topic 3 DQ 1 Responsive)	
11/9	Chapter(s) 10 & 11 Swanson et al 10 ed. (2023) Communications	11/14/2026
	Quiz #4 Chapter(s) 10 & 11 Swanson et al 10th ed. (2023) Topic 4 DQ1 (Initial) Topic 4 DQ 1 Responsive)	
11/16	Chapter(s) 4 & 8 Swanson et al 10 ed. (2023) Human Resource Management	11/21/2026
	Quiz #5 Chapter(s) 4 & 8 Swanson et al 10th ed. (2023) Topic 5 DQ1 (Initial) Topic 5 DQ 1 Responsive)	
11/23	Chapter(s) 13 & 14 Swanson et al 10 ed. (2023) Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement Administration	11/28/2026
	Topic 6 DQ1 (Initial) Topic 6 DQ 1 Responsive) Topic 6 Benchmark Assignment #1	
11/30	Chapter(s) 3 & 7 Swanson et al 10 ed. (2023) Politics and Law Enforcement Administration	12/05/2026
	Quiz #5 Chapter(s) 3 & 7 Swanson et al 10th ed. (2023) Topic 7 DQ1 (Initial) Topic 7 DQ 1 Responsive)	

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