

Rutgers University – New Brunswick
Program in Criminal Justice – Spring Semester 2018

Course Title: "Emerging Issues in Law Enforcement and Homeland Security" 01:202:389:02 Index: 19396

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Time: Monday & Wednesday 1:40pm – 3:00pm

Course Description

This class will explore current issues impacting law enforcement and homeland security professionals in the United States. The class will examine high-profile events impacting public safety and public reaction to these events. Specific areas of focus will include violent crime, use of force by law enforcement officers, homegrown violent extremism, cyber-attacks, international terrorism, transnational drug trafficking, and domestic intelligence and information sharing activities. Students will have the opportunity to interact with law enforcement professionals. Students are expected to stay up-to-date on current events.

Basis for Evaluation

Class Participation – 60%

Weekly Writing Assignments and Oral Presentations – 40%

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes.

Plagiarism Policy

"Plagiarism is the use of another person's words, ideas, or results without giving that person appropriate credit. To avoid plagiarism, every direct quotation must be identified by

quotation marks or appropriate indentation and both direct quotation and paraphrasing must be cited properly according to an accepted format"¹ Students who are caught plagiarizing will be given a failing mark for the assignment.

Class Schedule and Assignments

Week of January 15, 2018 – Course Introduction

Week of January 22, 2018 – Roles and Responsibilities of Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement

Required Readings:

Role of Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_enforcement_in_the_United_States

Week of January 29, 2018 - Violent Crime – Police Use of Force – Myths and Reality I

Required Readings:

"Major Cities Police Chiefs Violent Crime Survey." Major Cities Chief Association. Violent Crime Survey Totals: Midyear Comparison between 2016 and 2015.

https://www.majorcitieschiefs.com/pdf/news/mcca_violent_crime_data_midyear_20162015.pdf

"Investigation of the Baltimore City Police Department by the US DOJ Civil Rights Division." U.S. Department of Justice: Civil Rights Division. August 10, 2016.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/file/883366/download>

Kopplin, Zack and Justin Miller. "New Video Emerges of Alton Sterling Being Killed by Baton Rouge Police." *The Daily Beast*. July 7, 2016.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/07/06/new-video-shows-alton-sterling-was-not-holding-a-gun-when-baton-rouge-police-killed-him.html>

Week of February 5, 2018 – Violent Crime - Police Use of Force - Myths and Reality II

Required Readings:

Investigation of the Michael Brown Shooting. Department of Justice Report Regarding the Criminal Investigation into the Shooting Death of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri Police

¹ "Violations of Academic Integrity and Recommended Sanctions - Types of Violations," *Rutgers University*, accessed November 10, 2016, http://catalogs.rutgers.edu/generated/nb-grad_current/pg80.html.

Officer Darren Wilson. March 4, 2015. https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press-releases/attachments/2015/03/04/doj_report_on_shooting_of_michael_brown_1.pdf

Final Report of The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. May 2015.
http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf (85 pages)

"Graphic Video Shows Chicago Police Shooting." November 24, 2015.
<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/graphic-video-shows-chicago-police-shooting/>

Nick Valencia, Jason Hanna and Steve Almasy. Charlotte Shooting: Police Release Video and Photo Evidence. CNN. September 24, 2016.
<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/24/us/charlotte-keith-lamont-scott-shooting-video/>

Week of February 12, 2018 – Preventing Violent Crime Through Community-Based Strategies

Required Reading:

David Zurawik. "Frontline Shows How Hard Real Police Reform is in Newark." *The Baltimore Sun*. June 27, 2016.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/entertainment/tv/z-on-tv-blog/bal-frontline-what-police-reform-looks-like-20160627-story.html>

"Justice Department Reaches Agreement with City of Newark, New Jersey, to Reform Police Department's Unconstitutional Practices." The United States Department of Justice. March 30, 2016. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-reaches-agreement-city-newark-new-jersey-reform-police-department-s>

Ryan P. Haygood. "N.J Could Lead Nation in Police Reform. Here's How." NJ.com. July 22, 2016.
http://www.nj.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/07/nj_could_lead_nation_in_police_reform_-_will_it_opinion.html

Week of February 19, 2018 – Protecting the Homeland From Terrorism and Transnational Crime and the Domestic Intelligence Enterprise

Required Reading:

Counter terrorism Guide – National Counter Terrorism Center - <https://www.nctc.gov/site/>

National Strategy for Information Sharing: Successes and Challenges in Improving Terrorism-Related Information Sharing. <https://www.fas.org/sgp/library/infoshare.pdf>

Week of February 26, 2018 – Impact of Heroin Epidemic

Required Reading: TBA

Alexandra Pannoni. "High Schools Get Frank with Teens on Heroin Epidemic." U.S. News and World Report. October 17, 2016.

<http://www.usnews.com/high-schools/blogs/high-school-notes/articles/2016-10-17/high-schools-get-frank-with-teens-on-heroin-epidemic>

Josh Sanburn. "6 Ways to Fight America's Heroin Epidemic." *Time*. September 16, 2016.

<http://time.com/4496013/heroin-opioid-addiction-treatment/>

National Drug Control Strategy. Executive Office of the President of the United States. 2015.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/ondcp/policy-and-research/2015_national_drug_control_strategy_0.pdf

"America's Heroin Epidemic." *NBC News*. <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/americas-heroin-epidemic>

Week of March 5, 2018 – Countering Violent Extremism and Preventing Mass Casualty Attacks.**Required Readings:**

John D. Cohen. "The Next Generation of Government CVE Strategies at Home: Expanding Opportunities for Intervention." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 668, no. 1 (2016): 118-128. doi: 10.1177/0002716216669933.

Steven Weine, John Cohen, and Dave Brannegan. *Moving Beyond Motive-based Categories of Targeted Violence*. Argonne National Laboratories – Risk and Infrastructure Science Center, Global Security Sciences Division. October 2015.

[http://iephs.rutgers.edu/sites/iephs/files/FinalMovingBeyond%20ANL-GSS%2015-6_22OCT2015%20-%20FINAL%20\(3\)%20\(1\).PDF](http://iephs.rutgers.edu/sites/iephs/files/FinalMovingBeyond%20ANL-GSS%2015-6_22OCT2015%20-%20FINAL%20(3)%20(1).PDF)

Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States. *The White House*. August 2011.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/empowering_local_partners.pdf

Week of March 19, 2018 – Sanctuary Cities – Role of Local Law Enforcement in the Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws**Required Readings: TBA****Week of March 26, 2018 – Law Enforcement Interactions with the Mentally Ill****Required Readings:**

Abigail S. Tucker, Vincent B. Van Hasselt, and Scott A. Russell. "Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill: An Evaluative Review." *Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention* 8, no.3 (2008): 236-250. August 21, 2008. doi:10.1093/brief-treatment/mhn014.

<https://btci.stanford.clockss.org/cgi/reprint/8/3/236.pdf>

Melissa Reuland, Matthew Schwarzfeld, and Laura Draper. *Law Enforcement Responses to People with Mental Illness: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice*. New York: Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2009.

http://www.nccpsafety.org/assets/files/library/LE_Responses_to_Mental_Illnesses_-_Policy_and_Practice.pdf

Gary Cordner. "People with Mental Illness." *Problem-Oriented Guides for Police Problem-Specific Guides Series*. No. 40. (May 2006): 1-68. http://www.popcenter.org/problems/mental_illness/

Week of April 2, 2018 – Cyber Security and Crime

Required Readings:

"Cyber Security." *Law Enforcement Cyber Center*. <http://www.iacpcybercenter.org/resource-center/what-is-cyber-crime/>

The Role of Local Law Enforcement Agencies in Preventing and Investigating Cybercrime. Police Executive Research Forum. Washington D.C. April 2014.

http://www.policeforum.org/assets/docs/Critical_Issues_Series_2/the%20role%20of%20local%20law%20enforcement%20agencies%20in%20preventing%20and%20investigating%20cybercrime%202014.pdf

Kelly Jackson Higgins. "ISIS Cyber Threat To US Under Debate." *Dark Reading*. September 23, 2014. <http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerabilities---threats/advanced-threats/isis-cyber-threat-to-us-under-debate/d/d-id/1316004>

"U.S. Formally Accuses Russian Hackers of Political Cyber Attacks." *Reuters*. October 8, 2016. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-cyber-russia-idUSKCN12729B>

Office of Personnel Management Data Breach. *Wikipedia*.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_of_Personnel_Management_data_breach

Week of April 9, 2018 – Protecting our Critical Infrastructure Working with the Private Sector

Required Reading: TBA

Week of April 16, 2018 – Intelligence and Information Driven Strategies

Required Readings: TBA

Week of April 23, 2018 – Social Media – Impact on Criminal Behavior, Crime Reporting and Law Enforcement Investigations

Required Readings:

Michael S. Rosenwald. "'Angry and Personal': Social Media is Fueling Attacks on Celebrities, New Study Finds." *Washington Post*. October 12, 2016.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/angry-and-personal-social-media-is-fueling-attacks-on-celebrities-new-study-finds/2016/10/11/6af6199c-8fda-11e6-9c85-ac42097b8cc0_story.html

John Cohen. "Homegrown Terrorists." *The Cipher Brief*. January 19, 2016.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/homegrown-terrorists>

John Cohen. "The Recruiting Challenge." *The Cipher Brief*. October 25, 2015.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/recruiting-challenge>

Jonah Engel Bromwich, Daniel Victor, and Mike Isaac. "Police Use Surveillance Tool to Scan Social Media, A.C.L.U. Says." *The New York Times*. October 11, 2016.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/12/technology/aclu-facebook-twitter-instagram-geofeedia.html?_r=0

Week of April 30, 2018 – Wrap Up

Required Readings: TBA

Undergraduate Academic Calendar Dates:

Spring Semester Begins: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Spring Recess Begins: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Spring Recess Ends: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Regular Classes End: Monday, April 30, 2018