



Police-Community Relations

CRJU 3253

Online Course

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Course Description

Prerequisite: CRJU 1113.

Intergroup relations between the police and the community with emphasis upon the importance of each understanding the problems and perspectives of the other.

Required Texts

Hunter, R. D. & Barker, T. D. (2011). *Police community relations and the administration of justice* (9th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Course Requirements

Final Project

Each student will prepare a PowerPoint presentation that they would use while conducting a meeting in their community to help improve relations between the police and the community. A list of topics will be provided at the beginning of Week 2.

Your project will consist of a detailed 25 slide PowerPoint presentation which will include a title and reference page (not included in the slide count). You should utilize at least 5 academic references, including 3 types of references, which must be cited in APA documentation style. Appropriate references may include books, journal articles, magazine articles, other online references, and court case citations. Each slide should include some notes (talking points) in the approximate range of 100 words per slide (in the notes section below the actual slide).

Final Project Due Date: See D2L

No late papers will be accepted. You have over 15 weeks to get this project done so please don't wait until the day before it is due to start it.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me in advance.

Class Participation/Discussion – Every week throughout the semester discussions will be held. These discussions will revolve around the assigned readings. Participation in the discussions is mandatory and calculated with your participation grade as class participation. NOTE: All assignments are due by midnight Sunday of the assigned week.

Weekly Quizzes – There will be a ten question quiz each week based on the assigned chapter in the text book and/or any other assigned reading materials for that particular week. You will have one hour for each quiz which should be more than enough time to complete the ten questions. Some of the questions are fill in the blank. I will manually review each quiz and will give credit for any responses that are close.

Final Examination – One comprehensive examination will be given at the end of the semester that will include information presented in the readings, class discussion and information conveyed by the instructor. Make-up exams will not be offered.

Grading Policy and Weighting System

Final Project	25%
Final Exam	25%
Quizzes	20%
Participation/Discussions	30%
<u>Total</u>	<u>100%</u>

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Class Schedule

See the Course Content tab in D2L for more detailed information.