SOCL 2371: Aspects of Federal, State, & Local Law Enforcement
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Class Location/Time: 220 Stubbs Hall
Monday - Saturday at 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Course Description:
This course is designed to provide students a general understanding of the origin and role of federal, state & local law enforcement in the United States. While, the U.S. Constitution enumerates the powers of the federal government, questions of jurisdiction, constitutionality & civil rights have been answered differently throughout history. Generally, this has increased the reach and power of the federal government. Additionally, this course provides a survey of several law enforcement agencies. Through a series of presentations by “Guest Lecturers” from federal, state & local agencies, providing a forum for students to engage in a discourse with representatives from these institutions and allowing students an opportunity to explore a professional career in federal, state or local law enforcement.

Course Objectives:
❖ Provide a general overview of how federal, state & local law enforcement developed in America and the current context that these agencies play in executing federal power.
❖ Learn the qualifications and expectations of a career in law enforcement.
❖ Obtain personal / agency contact information for further career exploration.

Assigned Texts:

Course Requirements & Grading:
Students are expected to come to class on time and remain for the entire class. Attendance and participation are vital components to being successful in this class. The reading assignments should be completed by the dates indicated on the schedule below. In class, you should be prepared to demonstrate your understanding of the reading material. Students will fill out a handout indicating that they have participated in each lecture. Class attendance / participation is worth 40% of your grade.

Additionally, participation by students will be fueled through the preparation of at least 3 questions for each guest speaker. These questions will be handed in at the beginning each class period and returned to the students prior to each guest speaker. The preparation of questions will
account for 25% of the course grade. Thus, attendance and question preparation accounts for 65% of your grade and should not be taken lightly.

The final examination, accounting for 35% of your grade, will be given during finals week. The final will be essay based and cover material discussed in class over the entire quarter. Five questions will be presented with the student being required to choose four to answer. There is no page requirement, as long as the student completely answers each question. Each question will be equally weighted.

All students will be taking the class for a letter grade; there is no pass/fail option.

Grades will be distributed as follows:

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**COURSE POLICIES**

*Academic Misconduct and Classroom Etiquette*: Students are expected to abide by the LSU student code of conduct. Students who are caught cheating on an exam will be referred to LSU’s Dean of Students. Students are also expected to abide by the basic rules of classroom etiquette including: getting to class on time and coming prepared to engage; turning off all electronic devices; not talking during lectures; and remaining respectful of diverse views when engaging in classroom debate. All views are allowed and welcome; however, expressing them in a respectful way is required. Reasonable people can disagree, but disagreement needs to be expressed in ways that are conducive to the free exchange of ideas, productive dialogue, and meaningful learning.

*Use of Technology in the Classroom*: Please turn off all computers, cell phones, pagers, portable devices (e.g., Tablets, MP3, or CD players) and any other electronic communication and/or entertainment devices before coming to class. Students with phones that ring during class will be asked to leave.

*Missed Classes*: If you miss a class, you will be required to provide written documentation of a valid reason for your absence within one week of the day (see LSU Policy Statement 22, posted on the course website, for examples of valid reasons for absences). Missing class more than once or twice is likely to compromise your grade.
Missed Exams: If you miss an exam, you will be required to provide written documentation of a valid reason for your absence within one week of the exam day (see LSU Policy Statement 22, posted on the course website, for examples of valid reasons for absences). All make-up exams will be administered at my discretion and at a time and place of my choosing. If you miss a scheduled make-up exam you will receive a zero for your exam grade, which will make it very difficult to pass this course.

Disability: Any student who feels he/she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the professor privately to discuss specific needs. Also, contact the LSU Disability Services at (225) 578-5919 as soon as possible to better ensure that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

OUT OF CLASS EXPECTATIONS
It is expected that the students have read the assigned chapters or pages prior to class for the background necessary to properly participate in the discussion and think critically about the concepts addressed. As a general policy, for each hour you are in class, you (the student) should plan to spend at least two hours preparing for the next class. Since this course is for three credit hours, you should expect to spend around six hours outside of class each week reading or writing assignments for the class.
Schedule of Classes

Week 1

Monday, May 15th
Course Introduction

Read:
Chapters 1, 2 & 18

What is Federalism?
The Development of Federal Law Enforcement

Tuesday, May 16th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections’ Probation and Parole
District Administrator Steven Lassalle

Read:

3:00pm to 4:30pm
Louisiana State Police
Captain Anthony Pitts

Wednesday, May 17th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Special Agent Randall Breaux

Read:
Chapter 6

3:00pm to 4:30pm
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Sergeant Carl Armstrong

Thursday, May 18th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
United States Marshal Service (USMS)
(Acting) United States Marshal Randy Breckwoldt

Read:
A Night in Mississippi (PDF)
Chapter 5 & 10

3:00pm to 4:30pm
Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) / Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Assistant Federal Security Director - Law Enforcement Robert Klipp
Friday, May 19th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
United States Postal Inspection Service
Postal Inspector D. Morgan-Neal

3:00pm to 4:30pm
East Baton Rouge Sheriff’s Office
Deputy Kristi Nugent

Saturday, May 20th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Baton Rouge Police Department
Lt. Jonny Dunnam

3:00pm to 4:30pm
United States Secret Service

Monday, May 22nd
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Special Agent Jeff Methvin

3:00pm to 4:30pm
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement / Homeland Security Investigations
Resident Agent in Charge Ronald Militana

Tuesday, May 23rd
1:00pm to 2:30pm
United States Customs & Border Protection
Patrol Agent in Charge Clinton Rodgers

3:00pm to 4:30pm
East Baton Rouge District Attorney’s Office
District Attorney Hillar Moore
Assistant District Attorney Will Morris
Assistant United States Attorney Fred Menner
Wednesday, May 24th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Health and Human Services (HHS)
Special Agent Wes Root

3:00pm to 4:30pm
Louisiana State Fire Marshal
Chief Fire Marshal Butch Browning

Thursday, May 25th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF)
Resident Agent in Charge Antonio Pittman

3:00pm to 4:30pm
Baton Rouge City Constable’s Office
Major Reginald Brown
Sergeant Ganiyu Jimoh

Friday, May 26th
1:00pm to 2:30pm
Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation
Special Agent Andre Guilott

3:00pm to 4:30pm
National Park Service
Ranger Jason Campos

Monday, May 29th
FINAL EXAM