

SOCL 2371: Aspects of Federal, State, & Local Law Enforcement Spring Intercession 2017

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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:

Bumgarner, Jeffrey B., Crawford, Charles, E., & Burns, Ronald. 2013. *Federal Law Enforcement: A Primer*. Durham, NC.: Carolina Academic Press.

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:

		<u>Grading Scale:</u>	
Class Attendance / Participation	40%	97% - 100%	A+
Questions For Each Guest	25%	94% - 96.99%	A
Final	35%	90% - 93.99%	A-
		87% - 89.99%	B+
		84% - 86.99%	B
		80% - 83.99%	B-
		77% - 79.99%	C+
		74% - 76.99%	C
		70% - 73.99%	C-
		67% - 69.99%	D+
		64% - 66.99%	D
		60% - 63.99%	D-
		0% - 59.99%	F

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 you 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

Read:
Chapter 14

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

Read:
Chapters 9

3:00pm to 4:30pm

United States Secret Service

Week 2

Monday, May 22nd

1:00pm to 2:30pm

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Special Agent Jeff Methvin

Read:
Chapter 3 & 7

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

Read:
Chapter 8

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

Read:
Chapter 17

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

Read:
Chapters 4

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

Read:
Chapters 13 & 11

3:00pm to 4:30pm

National Park Service

Ranger Jason Campos

Monday, May 29th

FINAL EXAM