



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

Institute of Criminology

CRIM 311

Policing

Course Outline

CRN 1105: 20 POINTS: TRIM 1, 2010

Teaching dates: 1 March – 4 June 2010

Study week & Exam period: 7 June – 4 July 2010

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LECTURES: THURSDAY, 9 – 11AM: HU LT220

SEMINAR/DISCUSSION: FRIDAY 1.10pm – 3.00pm HU LT 119



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Lectures: Thursday: 9-11am in HU LT 220

Seminar/ Discussion: Friday: 1-3pm in HU LT 119

TEACHING PROGRAMME

	<i>Week Commencing</i>	<i>Lecture Thursday 9–11am, HULT 220</i>	<i>Seminar/Guest Speaker Friday 1-3pm, HULT 119</i>
1	1 March	Introduction Introducing police and policing	No Seminar discussion
2	8 March	Who are 'the' police? A brief history.	Video Presentation:
3	15 March	The police mandate and organization I	Mandate and organization II: Video Presentation
4	22 March	Strategies for policing I	Strategies for policing II (Guest Speaker)
5	29 March	Recent new approaches I	Recent new approaches II (Guest Speaker)
<i>21– 18 April Mid-Trimester Break</i>			
6	19 April	Police occupational cultures I	Police occupational cultures II (Guest Speaker)
7	26 April	Police discretion I	Police discretion II Video Presentation
8	3 May	Police deviance I	Police deviance II Video Presentation
9	10 May	Policing and gender issues I	Policing and gender issues II (Guest Speaker)
10	17 May	Policing and ethnicity I	Policing and ethnicity II (Guest Speaker)
11	24 May	Police accountability I	Police accountability II (Guest Speakers/Video presentation)
12	1 June	Plural Policing: Policing in the future and the future of policing.	Exam Revision
<i>7 – 30 June - Study & Exam Period Commences</i>			

Course Content

A critical examination of policing in modern society. Topics will include the history and organisation of policing, the nature and effectiveness of policing strategies, police culture and discretion, issues of gender and ethnicity, and police accountability

CRIM 311 is a one trimester course designed to introduce students to historical and current issues related to contemporary policing theory and practice. The course aims to encourage students to think critically about the aims and objectives of policing in New Zealand, the 'performance' of the New Zealand police in practice and the extent to which current police policy and procedures contribute to the goal of achieving "justice" and equality before the law.

The paper examines a range of topical areas related to policing, including an analysis of the history and evolution of modern policing; past and contemporary policing strategies; police culture; and the exercise of police discretion and its implications for the policing of certain groups and/or sections of the population including women and ethnic minorities. Organisational issues related to the New Zealand police are also examined before the course ends with a consideration of 'plural' policing, private security and the future(s) of police and policing in its broader sense.

Course Objectives

Students completing CRIM 311 should be able:

- ❖ to foster a critical analysis of the operation of policing in New Zealand.
- ❖ to contribute to an increased understanding and assessment of the roles and functions of the police in the criminal justice system.
- ❖ to examine the composition and culture of the police organization, and assess the impact of these on police practice.
- ❖ to critically assess police performance, effectiveness and accountability.
- ❖ to evaluate contemporary strategies, approaches and other recent developments in policing.

Mandatory Course Requirements

To gain a pass for CRIM 311 students must:

- submit the essay outline on the due date
- hand in your extended essay on the due date
- Sit the final examination

Expected Workload

Taking into account class attendance, reading for tutorials, preparation for assignments and so on, students should expect to spend around 13 hours per week for this course.