

Course Syllabus

Department : Criminal Justice

Course Title : Traffic Enforcement and Investigations

Section Name : CJLE 1333

Start Date : 08-27-2012

End Date : 12-14-2012

Modality : On-Line Course

Credits : 3

Instructor Information

Name : Troy N. Thomas

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Fall Office Hours:

- *Monday: 1:30 - 4 PM*
- *Tuesday: 1:30 – 4 PM*
- *Wednesday: 1:30 – 4 PM*
- *Thursday: 1:30 – 4 PM*
- *Friday: By Appointment Only*

Help from the instructor is available **at your** request. Appointments can be set up or you may contact instructor during office hours. Tutoring is available through the LRC.

Student Success Coaches

The Odessa College Student Success Coaches will help you stay focused and on track to complete your educational goals. If an instructor sees that you might need additional help or success coaching, he or she may submit a Retention Alert or a Starfish Alert. A Student Success Coach will contact you to work toward a solution.

Course Description

Instruction in the basic principles of traffic control, traffic law enforcement, court procedures, and traffic law. Emphasis on the need for a professional approach in dealing with traffic law violators and the police role in

accident investigation and traffic supervision. The student will identify background and underlying principles of the traffic law enforcement effort; describe the legal requirements which govern and control the making and enforcement of criminal laws and traffic laws in particular; explain the procedures to maximize the individual officer's personal safety during a stop, particularly in a criminal situation; explain the factors which influence the officer and violator during their face to face contact; explain the importance of meeting the objectives of a traffic program, i.e. reduction of traffic fatalities and prosecution of traffic offenses; and identify the various enforcement activities that lead to achieving an effective traffic program.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

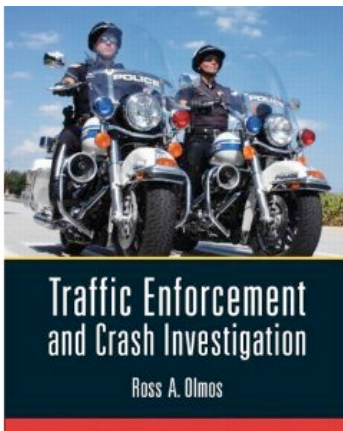
ICOs: 1,2,3,4,5

Course Objectives

After taking this course, the students will:

1. Be able to identify the goals and objectives of a traffic enforcement activities;
2. Be able to conduct a preliminary investigation into a traffic accident;
3. Be able to examine factor that contribute to fatalities.
4. Understand the reasons for creating adequate traffic enforcement objectives.
5. Will use correct language skills, grammar and punctuation.
6. The student will learn to proofread documents.

Required Readings/Materials



Traffic Enforcement and Crash Investigation

By Ross A Olmos

This book can be purchased at the OC bookstore or from various online sources.

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Assignments

This is a college level course and you will, therefore, be expected to uphold established college standards as outlined in the most recent Odessa College catalog.

Week 1: August 27- 31

Please read Chapter 1: The Growth and Development of Motor Vehicles

Answer Discussion Question-Due by 11:30 p.m. on 09-1-12

Week 2: September 3 - 7

Please read Chapter 2: Purpose and Methods of Traffic Enforcement

Answer Discussion Question-Due by 11:30 p.m. on 09-8-12

Week 3: September 10-14

Please read Chapter 3: Discretion, Ethics, and Professional Conduct in Traffic Enforcement

Answer Discussion Question-Due by 11:30 p.m. on 09-15-12

Critical Thinking Exercise -

Week 4: September 17-21

Please read Chapter 4: Licensing and Registering Drivers and Motor Vehicles

Answer Discussion Question Due by 11:30 p.m. on 09-22-12

****First Exam** will include questions from Chapters 1 – 4. You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam and are only allowed one attempt. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Test will be open from 09-24-12 at 8 a.m. to 02-26-12 at 11:30 p.m.

Week 5: September 24-28

Please read Chapter 5: Traffic Law – part 1

Answer Discussion Question Due by 11:30 p.m. on 09-29-12

Week 6: October 1-5

Please read Chapter 6: Traffic Law - part 2

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 10-6-12

Critical Thinking Exercise

Week 7: October 8-12

Please read Chapter 7: Alcohol: Background of the Problem and the Struggle against Impaired Driving

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 10-13-12

Critical Thinking Exercise

Week 8: October 15-19

Please read Chapter 8: Detection and Enforcement Action Against the Impaired Driver

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 10-20-12

****Second Exam** will include questions from Chapters 5 – 8. You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam and are only allowed one attempt. NO EXCEPTIONS! Test will be open from 10-15-12 at 8 a.m. to 10-17-12 at 11:30 p.m.

Week 9: October 22-26

Please read Chapter 9: Field Sobriety Testing for Suspected Impaired Drivers

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 10-27-12

Week 10: October 29-November 2

Please read Chapter 10: The Arrest and Processing of DUI Offenders

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 11-3-12

Week 11: November 5- 9

Please read Chapter 11: Reporting, Preparing and Testifying

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 11-10-12

Week 12: November 12-16

Please read Chapter 12: Crash Investigations - Part 1

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 11-17-12

Week 13: November 19-23

Please read Chapter 13: Crash Investigations – Part 2: Recording and Reporting

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 11-24-12

****Third Exam** will include questions from Chapters 9-13. You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam and are only allowed one attempt. NO EXCEPTIONS! Test will be open from 11-19-12 at 8 a.m. to 11-21-12 at 11:30 p.m.

Week 14: November 26-30

Please read Chapter 14: Special Issues and Trends in Traffic Safety and Enforcement

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 12-1-12

Week 15: December 3-7

Please read Chapter 14: Special Issues and Trends in Traffic Safety and Enforcement

Answer Discussion Question due by 11:30 p.m. on 12-8-12

Week 16: December 10-13

Critical Thinking Exercise due by 11:30 p.m. on 10-13-12

Final Exam Date: TBA

Evaluation/Grading Computation:

Your final grade will be based upon a combination of the following course requirements:

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| • Three exams | 45% (15% each) |
| • Critical Thinking Exercises | 20% |
| • Weekly Discussion Questions/Participation | 10% |
| • Final Exam | 25% |

Your exams and final exam will be a mixture of multiple choice, true/false, short answer and essay questions.

Your Critical Thinking Exercises will be a **2** pages, typed double-spaced paper. Topic will be determined as the semester unfolds. The Critical Thinking Exercises must have at least 2 ancillary references, but you are encouraged to use more. The sources are to be listed at the end of the paper. Please use correct grammar, spelling for these exercises. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me for a meeting, as I will be happy to help you.

The weekly discussion questions will be taken from your chapter lesson assignments as we move through the course. These assignments will correspond with your required Discussion Board postings. Please respond to each Discussion Board question with a minimum **250 word** response to a question that I will post weekly. Then, post responses in the Discussion Board to two other student's postings on the same topic. Please be more specific and substantial than using the term 'good job,' as you will be required to post a minimum **100 word** response to two other students.

Grading Policy

90-100 – A

80-89 – B

70-79 – C

60-69 – D

Below 59 – F

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Student Success

This course Traffic Law and Enforcement CJLE 1333 – Fall 2012 has been identified as a course by Career, Technical, and Workforce Education as one in which teaching and learning strategies adopted by AVID will be implemented. As a student in the Criminal Justice program, you will be expected to develop an understanding of the strategies, to model the strategies, to maintain fidelity of implementation, and to examine how these strategies may impact your effectiveness as a professional in your chosen area of occupation, either through coursework or practicum experience as outlined by the course instructor.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the ["Ask a Librarian"](#) service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.**

Student Portal

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

Information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students' and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).

DISCLAIMER: Each student is responsible for checking the syllabus frequently as it will be updated as often as needed.