

Course Syllabus

Department : EMERGENCY
Course Title : Traffic Law & Investigation
Section Name : CJLE 1333 740
Start Date : January 18, 2011
End Date : May 13, 2011
Modality :
Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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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 requirement which govern and control the making and enforcement of criminal laws and traffic laws in particular; explain the procedures to maximise the individual officer's personal safety during a stop, particularly in 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 the 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

Scans

SCANS 1, 3, 6, 9 11

Course Objectives

1. The student will be able to describe the development and growth of motor vehicles in America and the dramatic social and legal impact they have had on American life.
2. The student will be able to describe the history and development of traffic violations and the detection, apprehension, and processing of impaired drivers.
3. The student will understand current guidelines and procedures for effective investigation and reporting of vehicle crashes.
4. The student will understand ethical issues significant to traffic law enforcement.

Academic Honesty:

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion. Cheating on a test shall include: Copping from another student's test paper, Using test materials not authorized by a person administering the test or the test administrator, Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during the test without permission from the administrator. Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an un-administered test. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the

test. Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for ones self, to take a test. Bribing another person to obtain an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test means another's work and the acknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's written work.

?Plagiarism? shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any written work for fulfilment of course requirements.

Reference: Odessa College Student Handbook Student Rights and

responsibilities 2007- 2009.? Collusion? Shall be defines as the unauthorized collaboration with another person preparing.

Required Readings/Materials

a) You must purchase the following **required** readings/materials:

Title: Traffic Enforcement and Crash Investigation

Author: Ross A. Olmos

ISBN# 978-0-13-505798-8

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

If you want to make sure you are not plagiarizing, you may want to run it through <http://www.duplichecker.com/> . As you move forward in your education this is a valuable resource. There are others out there, but this is the one never let me down. If you do need to use information you found online or in print, please cite (I'm not asking for a formal citation) where

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Student 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.

Important School Policies

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GRADING

Attendance	25 points
Paper	25 points
Study Questions	25 points
Final Assignment	25 points
Total	100 points

100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
59 – 0	F