**CJCR 3750 – Crime in Rural America**

Credits: 3 Section: \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Location & Meeting Time**

Classroom location:

Class Meeting Schedule:

**Contact Information**

**Instructor:**   
**Email:**   
**Phone: (**423) 439-  
**Office:**

**Instructor Availability**

Office Hours:

**Course Description & Materials**

*Prerequisites*: CJCR 1100 or permission of chair

Examines crime and policing in rural communities across the United States, focusing upon offenses that occur in rural areas, the factors that serve to influence their types and prevalence, and the role that law enforcement and other actors play in combating it. In addition, several forms of offending unique to rural areas are examined.

**Required Materials**

[enter textbook, software, tool etc]

**Course Overview**

**Course Purpose and Objectives**

The purpose of CJCR 3750, “Crime in Rural America,” is to acquaint students with the mitigating factors that differentiate rural crime from urban crime and prepare them for employment in rural agencies.

The goals of this course are to:

* Provide students with an understanding of unique forms of rural offending.
* Help students contextualize how social and economic forces influence rural crime, enforcement and control.
* Foster in the student an ongoing interest in how crime is discovered, prosecuted and/or controlled in a rural setting.

**Expected Learning Outcomes**

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| Upon completion of the course, students will:   1. Evaluate the nature and extent of rural crime in America. 2. Appraise how social forces influence rural crime, enforcement and control. 3. Interpret the differences in policing, courts and corrections in rural America as opposed to urban America. 4. Analyze the types of crime unique to rural America and the efforts to combat these crimes. 5. Design models of rural crime enforcement and control in America   **Major Course Topics**   |  | | --- | | * Crime in rural America compared to urban America. * Policing rural communities. * Rural courts and corrections. * Alcohol & drug production. * Organized crime in rural America. * Agricultural crime. * Wildlife crime. * Environmental crime. | |

**Course Policies**

**Attendance**

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| On-ground attendance is mandatory. Three unexcused absences will result in a letter grade reduction on the final grade. Students are expected to attend classes regularly and on time and are responsible for giving explanations/rationale for absences and lateness directly to the faculty member for each course in which they are enrolled. In cases where student absences are the result of emergency circumstances (e.g., death in the family, a student’s serious injury or incapacitating illness), for which students are unable to make immediate contact with faculty, the student may contact the Office of Student Affairs for assistance in providing such immediate notification to faculty. However, the student remains responsible for verifying the emergency circumstances to faculty and for discussing arrangements with faculty for completion of coursework requirements.  Online attendance will be determined by a minimum of three Discussion Board posts each week.  A letter grade reduction on the final grade will be given if fewer than three discussion board posts are made in a two-week period. Students are expected to log-in to classes regularly and are responsible for giving explanations/rationale for failing to post on the Discussion Board directly to the faculty member for each course in which they are enrolled. In cases where student absences are the result of emergency circumstances (e.g., death in the family, a student’s serious injury or incapacitating illness), for which students are unable to make immediate contact with faculty, the student may contact the Office of Student Affairs for assistance in providing such immediate notification to faculty. However, the student remains responsible for verifying the emergency circumstances to faculty and for discussing arrangements with faculty for completion of coursework requirements. |

**Assignment and Grading**

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**Other**

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