

PLS 408-001 POLICING AND TECHNOLOGY
Spring 2010 3.0 Credits
SYLLABUS

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I. Recommended Texts

1. Taylor, R., T.C. Caeti, D.K. Loper, E.J. Fritsch, and J. Liederbach. *Digital Crime and Digital Terrorism*. Prentice Hall ISBN: 0-13-114137.

II. Course Objectives

The purpose of this class is to provide an overview of police computer applications and the impact of computing technology on police operations, including the prevention, detection, and investigation of computer crime. In addition this class will provide an overview of digital crime and digital terrorism and the official government response to these issues.

Alternative Behavioral Objectives: Primarily in writing assignments throughout the course, students will be able to demonstrate:

1. Knowledge of vocabulary words related to digital crime, digital terrorism, and police technology.
2. Knowledge of the different categories and classes of digital crimes and the issues surrounding their measurement and dissemination.
3. Knowledge of digital terrorism and its scope and magnitude as a perceived threat.
4. Knowledge of criminal laws relating to digital crime and digital terrorism and their application to policing.
5. Knowledge of the challenges to civil liberties caused by digital crime and digital terrorism and the official government response to them
6. Knowledge of current practices by policing to combat digital crime and digital terrorism and their weaknesses and strengths.
7. Knowledge of future issues regarding policing, technology and digital crimes.

III. Course Grade

A student's course grade will be comprised of five parts.

Exam I:	25%
Exam II:	25%
Exam III	25%
<u>In-class Assignments</u>	<u>25%</u>
Total	100%

Make-up exams are given only in the most extreme cases and are given in essay form at the end of the semester.

IV. Academic Dishonesty Statement

The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on tests as well as parallelism and plagiarism. **Any student in violation of this policy will automatically fail this course. DO YOUR OWN WORK AND DO NOT CHEAT.**

V. Disabled Student Policy

1. If you are registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please make an appointment with the course instructor to discuss any academic accommodations you need. If you need academic accommodations and are not registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please contact the office on the third floor of the Student Services Building, by email at disabilities@eku.edu or by telephone at (859) 622-2933 V/TDD. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in alternative forms.

VI. Class Attendance

Class attendance is **NOT** mandatory. **HOWEVER**, 25% of your grade is composed of class participation, which is earned through random group projects and in-class assignments. Thus, if you attend every lecture AND participate in all the in-class and out of class assignments you will earn 100% on your class participation grade. **HOWEVER**, if you do not attend all lectures and you miss classes in which there are in-class assignments it **MAY HURT YOUR GRADE SEVERELY**. Bottom line, skipping classes could cost you a letter grade or two on your final grade even if you do very well on the rest of the class.

VII. Lecture Schedule

THE DATES IN THIS SCHEDULE ARE APPROXIMATIONS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AS MADE BY THE PROFESSOR.

January 11: Introduction to Class

January 13-February 2: Section 1: Criminals as early Adopters

Topics: Provides an overview of the individuals who commit digital crimes and the culture of hacking.

Readings: Chapter 4

February 4-February 27: Section 2: Cybercrime and Cyberterror

Topics: Provides an overview of different types of crime that are considered digital crime. In particular, this section will discuss white-collar crime, viruses and malicious code, stalking, hate crimes and cyberterrorism in general.

Readings: Chapters 5, 6, 7, and 8

March 2, EXAM I: COVERS ONLY SECTIONS 1 & 2

March 4-March 26: Section 3: Cyberlaws and Cyberliberties

Topics: Provides an in-depth discussion of the laws that have been created to protect society from digital crime and the impact they have had on civil liberties.

Readings: Chapter 9

March 30, EXAM II: COVERS ONLY SECTION 3

March 29-April 9: Section 4: Police and Technology

Topics: This section provides an overview of how technology has and will impact all aspects of policing. In particular this section discusses the impact of technology on police operations, management issues, and police deviance.

Readings: Chapter 10

April 12-April 30: Section 5: Investigation and Forensics

Topics: Provides an in-depth discussion of the investigation of cybercrimes and the use of computer forensics.

Readings: Chapter 11 and 12

FINAL EXAM: May 7 @ 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Only Covers section 4 & 5