Course Description:

This course is designed to present students with an overview of the field of law enforcement in the United States. Students will be exposed to the numerous complexities inherent in policing and the attempts to professionalize it. Historical foundations as well as current trends are explored to provide a detailed and clear picture of law enforcement.

Part of the goal for this course is to present material within a context which is consistent with MNU’s evangelical Christian values tradition.

Text:  
Current research and other resource materials will also be included in the course content.

Evaluation Procedures:  
A total of four examinations will be given covering class lectures, class discussions, audio visual presentations, and any additional assignments. Each test carries the same weight, including the final. The final is comprehensive. Examinations will consist of multiple choice and true/false style questions.

For a make-up test, the student must provide a proper reason and make arrangement to take the test no later than 2 days following the date scheduled for that particular test. If the student does not notify the professor prior to the test, the instructor has the option of downgrading the test score. Extra credit is not an option.
Summary/reaction papers will be required after audio visual presentations. Summary/reaction papers combined will equate to one test score. Papers will be at least one page, with title & date of video, typed, double spaced, and due by the next class meeting. Students will lose one point for each day the paper is late. Videos are like pop-quizzes, they can not be made-up.

All summary/reaction papers will be submitted electronically via BlackBoard.
Students will use Word format.
Any necessary corrections will be sent back to the student to complete.

Grade Weight: Four tests, 100 points each; summary/reaction papers combined, 100 points.

Academic Honesty: Refer to the student handbook.

Citizenship: In order to enhance the classroom learning environment, students are expected to display appropriate levels of respect and courtesy. Unacceptable behavior and any classroom disruption will result in a deduction of overall percentage points.

Special Needs: Students needing special accommodations for this class should notify the professor during the first 2 weeks of the course.

Test Dates: Thursday, Feb. 5th
Thursday, March 5th
Thursday, April 2nd
Final, Thursday, April 30th, 10:00-12:00. Take-home exams will be due no later than 12:00.

Absences: Students will be allowed 3 unexcused absences before the last 2 weeks of the semester. A 4th unexcused absence will result in 4 percentage points being deducted from the overall average. Unexcused absences thereafter will result in at least 2 percentage points deducted.

During the last 2 weeks of the semester, the penalty doubles for any unexcused absence.

My Prayer for Students...John 17:15