

**Missouri State University
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
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Course Title: Conservation Law Enforcement

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Email Policy

Email is a formal communication method, and therefore proper email etiquette should be followed. Emails to the professor should be addressed as Dear Dr. Suttmoeller, Dr. Suttmoeller or Hello Dr. Suttmoeller. Greetings such as Hey Prof S! or Hey Dr. S. are not acceptable greetings for email communication.

Students are expected to regularly check their email for course correspondence. As the professor, I will also regularly check my email for correspondence from students. During the work week (Monday to Friday), students should expect a response to emails within 24 hours of sending the email. For emails sent during the weekend, I will do my best to respond within 24 hours, but responses may take longer. If 24 hours has not passed since an email was sent, please do not resend the email until after the 24 hour time frame.

If students email the professor with an issue, students are expected to monitor their email for a response from the professor. Waiting several days to respond in these types of situations is not acceptable.

Course Description

Conservation law enforcement and conservation officers occupy an important, yet often overlooked segment of the criminal justice system. The role and duties of conservation officers is unique among law enforcement. While conservation officers perform similar

duties to traditional law enforcement officers such as order maintenance and law enforcement, the scope of those duties differs in several respects. This course will explore those differences through examining conservation law enforcement from a local, national and international perspective. Additionally, this course will examine the unique role of conservation officers within the larger criminal justice system, and within the smaller law enforcement community.

Course Materials: Reading materials assigned through Blackboard. Because there is not a textbook available for this course, a variety of different types of reading materials will be used. Some of the reading materials are available online. The links for those are provided. Other reading materials are available online through the Missouri State University Library. If you have questions regarding how to access the online journal articles please contact the library. There is an online chat area called Ask the Librarian that students may utilize.

This course utilizes Blackboard. Not all web browsers are compatible with Blackboard. Google Chrome seems to work the best. For specific technology questions, or for Blackboard assistance, students should contact the Blackboard Help Desk at 417-836-5891 or by email helpdesk@missouristate.edu.

Grading

Introduction post	5 pts
Syllabus Quiz	10 pts
Officer Interview	30 pts
Weekly Quizzes	120 pts
Discussion Boards/Journals	120 pts
Exam 1	100 pts
Exam 2	100 pts
Exam 3	100 pts
<u>Exam 4</u>	<u>100 pts</u>
Total	685 pts

Grading scale

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59% or less

Exams

There will be four multiple choice exams. Each exam will be worth 100 pts. Exams are to be taken at any time during the scheduled week. Exams must be completed by 11:59 p.m.

on Sunday. For example, Exam 1 must be completed by 9/16/18. Make up exams will only be allowed with instructor approval for documented medical reasons or emergencies. Documentation will be required. Make-up exams will be in essay format.

Online Activities

Each week there will be a quiz over the reading material. In addition to the quizzes, there will also be a discussion board or journal entry to be completed each week. All of these quizzes/assignments will be posted on Blackboard. Each week will be organized into a folder. The folder will open on Monday morning each week at 8 a.m. and all assignments and quizzes must be completed by the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. For example, for the week of 8/20/18 to 8/26/18, the weekly module will open on 8/20/18 at 8 a.m., and the quiz and online journal entry must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 8/26/18. There will be no make-ups for missed online assignments or quizzes.

Class Decorum

Throughout this course, students will be required to not only post a thread on a discussion board, but will also be required to post a response to another student's post. These responses should always be respectful. Policing issues can sometimes elicit strong opinions or responses, but students must always be respectful to their fellow students, regardless of whether or not they agree with someone else's position. Disrespectful, disruptive or rude behavior will not be tolerated.

Conservation Officer Interview Assignment

Each student must conduct an interview with a conservation officer. This officer can be from any state or the federal government. The student should ask questions pertaining to their background, why they entered the field, what they enjoy most about the job, their least favorite aspect of the job, their main duties, the future of conservation law enforcement etc. You must have 10 questions and questions such as: "what is your name" do not count toward the 10 questions. So as not to overwhelm any one conservation officer in Missouri, students will have to sign up for a particular county prior to conducting their interview. Only one interview per county will be allowed. Christian County is not available for this assignment. Sign-ups will be on a first come/first served basis. The student should then write up their findings in paper format. This assignment must be completed by 10/28/18. As the fall progresses conservation officers become increasingly busy, so students should not wait until the last minute to contact officers. Also, students should not attempt to contact the officers from August 31 to September 3, as this is the opening weekend for dove season and also labor day weekend, which are both extremely busy times for conservation officers. Students should be very professional when contacting the conservation officers. Please remember that these officers do not have to participate in this assignment, and if they decline, the student should simply thank the officer for their time and then choose a different county. Students should be prepared to complete the interview and have their interview questions prepared and ready to be asked prior to contacting the conservation officer. This assignment is worth 30 points.

Late Assignments and Assignment Submission Policy

Late assignments will not be accepted except in cases of documented emergencies, or University approved absences. The 11:59 pm deadline refers to the clock on Blackboard-not your cellphone or your clock at home. If the deadline has passed, you will not be able to submit your assignment and you will receive a 0. All assignments must be turned in to Blackboard by the required date and time. **No assignments will be accepted over email.**

Course Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
<u>Section 1</u>	
8/20-8/26/18	Conservation Law Enforcement Introduction
8/26/18	Introduction post, Journal Entry and Quiz due
8/27-9/4/18	History of Conservation Law Enforcement
9/4/18	Quiz and Short Paper due
9/3-9/9/18	Current State of Conservation Law Enforcement
9/9/18	Online Quiz and Discussion Board Due
9/10-9/16/18	Exam 1
<u>Section 2</u>	
9/17-9/23/18	Conservation Law Enforcement Organizations
9/23/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due
9/24-9/30/18	Becoming a Conservation Officer
9/30/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due
10/1-10/7/18	Conservation Law
10/7/18	Quiz Due
10/8-10/14/18	Exam 2
<u>Section 3</u>	
10/16-10/21/18	Conservation Officer Discretion
10/21/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due
10/22-10/28/18	Conservation Officer Enforcement
10/28/18	Quiz, Discussion Board and Interview Due
10/29-11/4/18	Conservation Officer Order Maintenance
11/4/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due
11/5-11/11/18	Exam 3
<u>Section 4</u>	
11/12-11/18/18	Conservation Officer Other Duties
11/18/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due
11/19-11/25/18	Thanksgiving Break
11/26-12/2/18	Conservation Officer Law Enforcement Strategies
12/2/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due
12/3-12/9/18	Conservation Officers and Homeland Security
12/9/18	Quiz and Discussion Board Due

12/10-12/13/18

Exam 4 Must be taken by Thursday 12/13!

Statement on Academic Dishonesty: Missouri State University is a community of scholars committed to developing educated persons who accept the responsibility to practice personal and academic integrity. You are responsible for knowing and following the university's student honor code, [Student Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures](#) and also available at the Reserves Desk in Meyer Library. Any student participating in any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to sanctions as described in this policy.

Statement of Nondiscrimination: Missouri State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution, and maintains a grievance procedure available to any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against. At all times, it is your right to address inquiries or concerns about possible discrimination to the Office for Institutional Equity and Compliance, Park Central Office Building, 117 Park Central Square, Suite 111, 417-836-4252. Other types of concerns (i.e., concerns of an academic nature) should be discussed directly with your instructor and can also be brought to the attention of your instructor's Department Head. Please visit the OED website at www.missouristate.edu/equity/.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a disability and anticipate barriers related to this course, it is important to request accommodations and establish an accommodation plan with the University. Please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) (www.missouristate.edu/disability), Meyer Library, Suite 111, 417-836-4192, to initiate the process to establish your accommodation plan. The DRC will work with you to establish your accommodation plan, or it may refer you to other appropriate resources based on the nature of your disability. In order to prepare an accommodation plan, the University usually requires that students provide documentation relating to their disability. Please be prepared to provide such documentation if requested. Once a University accommodation plan is established, you may notify the class instructor of approved accommodations. If you wish to utilize your accommodation plan, it is suggested that you do so in a timely manner, preferably within the first two weeks of class. Early notification to the instructor allows for full benefit of the accommodations identified in the plan. Instructors will not receive the accommodation plan until you provide that plan, and are not required to apply accommodations retroactively.

Cell Phone Policy: As a member of the learning community, each student has a responsibility to other students who are members of the community. When cell phones or pagers ring and students respond in class or leave class to respond, it disrupts the class. Therefore, the Office of the Provost prohibits the use by students of cell phones, pagers, PDAs, or similar communication devices during scheduled classes. All such devices must be turned off or put in a silent (vibrate) mode and ordinarily should not be taken out during class. Given the fact that these same communication devices are an integral part of the University's emergency notification system, an exception to this policy would occur when numerous devices activate simultaneously. When this occurs, students may consult their devices to

determine if a university emergency exists. If that is not the case, the devices should be immediately returned to silent mode and put away. Other exceptions to this policy may be granted at the discretion of the instructor.

Emergency Response Statement: At the first class meeting, students should become familiar with a basic emergency response plan through a dialogue with the instructor that includes a review and awareness of exits specific to the classroom and the location of evacuation centers for the building. All instructors are provided this information specific to their classroom and/or lab assignments in an e-mail prior to the beginning of the fall semester from the Office of the Provost and Safety and Transportation. Students with disabilities impacting mobility should discuss the approved accommodations for emergency situations and additional options when applicable with the instructor. For more information go to <http://www.missouristate.edu/safetran/51597.htm> and <http://www.missouristate.edu/safetran/erp.htm>.

Adding/Dropping a Class: It is your responsibility to understand the University's procedure for dropping a class. If you stop attending this class but do not follow proper procedure for dropping the class, you will receive a failing grade and will also be financially obligated to pay for the class. For information about dropping a class or withdrawing from the university, contact the Office of the Registrar at 836-5520.

Audio and video recording course activity: Students who wish to record lectures or class activities for study purposes should inform the faculty member first. Distribution or sale of recordings or other course materials is prohibited without the written permission of the instructor and other students who are recorded. Distribution without permission is a violation of copyright law and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Sections 4.6, 4.8, 4.9). **Religious accommodation:** The University may provide a reasonable accommodation based on a person's sincerely held religious belief. In making this determination, the University reviews a variety of factors, including whether the accommodation would create an undue hardship. The accommodation request imposes responsibilities and obligations on both the individual requesting the accommodation and the University. Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or other assignments as a consequence of their sincerely held religious belief shall be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious observances on which they will be absent by submitting a *Request for Religious Accommodation Form* to the instructor by the end of the third week of a full semester course or the end of the second week of a half semester course.

Mental Health and Stress Management: As a student you may experience a range of personal issues that can impede learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance and may reduce your ability to participate in daily activities. You can learn more about free and confidential Missouri State University Counseling Center services available to assist you at counselingcenter.missouristate.edu.

Title IX Policy: Missouri State University has a Title IX policy that guides our response to instances of sexual violence. Sexual Violence includes: Rape, Sexual Assault, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Discrimination, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, Sexual Harassment and Pregnancy issues. The Title IX policy can be located on the MSU Title IX website at www.missouristate.edu/titleix. This website is also a good resource for any questions or issues involving Title IX and contains contact information for the MSU Title IX Office and staff. Read an [overview of the Title IX office](#).

If an MSU student discloses a Title IX related issue to a MSU faculty or staff member who is deemed to be a “Responsible Employee” under the policy, that faculty or staff member is required to report such disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator. A responsible employee includes any employee who has the authority to take action to redress sexual violence; who has been given the duty of reporting incidents of sexual violence or any other misconduct by students to the Title IX Coordinator or other appropriate school designee; or whom a student could reasonably believe has the authority or duty to take action. Magers Health and Wellness Center employees and MSU Counseling Center Clinicians are not considered to be Responsible Employees under the policy, and therefore, are not required to report Title IX issues to the Title IX Coordinator.

Chosen Name Policy: A student may choose a name other than their legal name to identify themselves at Missouri State University. A chosen name is different than the student’s legal name. Refer to the [Chosen Name policy](#) for more information. Students can provide their chosen first and middle names in the *Profile* tab of [My Missouri State](#).