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## **Evidence-Based Policing (CJCB-405-0CW) Fall 2021- Term 1**

### **COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2021- Term 1**

#### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

**Instructor: Justin Bowen, CFE**

**Office Location: Online**

**Office Hours: Email or Telephone or Virtual by Appointment**

**Office Phone: 972.768.7608**

**University Email Address: Justin.Bowen@tamuc.edu Preferred**

**Form of Communication: Email**

**Communication Response Time: 24 to 48 hours 7 days a week**

#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

##### **Materials**

\*A textbook is not assigned for this class. All reading assignments are provided with links to Internet sources and/or document files.

##### **Supplemental Materials**

Links and files will be provided in the document sharing tab within the course.

#### **BSCJ WITH EMPHASIS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP DESCRIPTION**

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement Leadership (BSCJ-CJCB) at Texas A&M University-Commerce is a 100% online, competency-based program designed specifically for first responders: law enforcement, peace officers and military personnel with existing work experience, police academy training, or other certifications. Courses are offered in an accelerated format, so students can move swiftly through material they already have mastery over, and focus more attention on topics that are new and challenging to their existing knowledge base. The courses are self-paced, so students can work according to their own schedule. Students in the BSCJ-CJCB program develop practical workplace competencies that meet current and future challenges facing first responders today.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This competency-based course considers evidence-based policing from a practical standpoint: students will learn what evidence-based policing is and how it's evolved; additionally, they will engage in readings and reviews that show how EBP research is carried out; how police officers can

implement EBP in their strategies; and what resources are available to police organizations interested in formulating EBP policies and programs.

### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Completion of this course provides the student with the knowledge to:

1. Students will be able to articulate what evidence-based policing is; and how it developed.
2. Students will be able to apply their knowledge of EBP in explaining different approaches to policing research.
3. Students will be able to explain the ways that research methods are used in EBP.
4. Students will understand how police practices are and can be informed by EBP research.
5. Students will be able to identify resources related to EBPB.

### **REGULAR AND SUBSTANTIVE COURSE INTERACTION**

As a general guide, students enrolled in a three semester hour course should spend one hour engaged in instructional activities and two to three hours on out-of-class work per week in a traditional semester. Students are expected to double this effort of engagement given that this course is being delivered in a seven-week term. Educational activities in this course are designed to ensure regular and substantive interaction between students and faculty to ensure that students are able to demonstrate competency.

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### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Minimal Technical Skills Needed:** Students will need reliable computer and internet access for this course. Students must be able to effectively use myLeo email, myLeo Online D2L, and Microsoft Office.

**Instructional Methods:** This course is an online course. To be successful in this course, all content and course modules should be read and reviewed. All assignments and quizzes (both graded and not graded) must be completed. Please contact the instructor by email for any assistance.

**Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course:** To be successful in this course, all content and course modules should be read and reviewed. All assignments and quizzes (both graded and not graded) should be completed. Please contact the instructor by email for any assistance.

## Course Pre-test

The purpose of the pre-test is to provide a baseline understanding of your knowledge in this competency. The pre-test is required before you begin studying course materials. If you do not make at least 80% on the pre-test, students will be expected to complete assignments, quizzes, and other course content to prepare for the post-test and culminating project.

| Content  | Description   | Value      | Notes  |
|----------|---|------------|--|
| Pre-test | This is the initial assessment in the course to provide a baseline understanding of a student's knowledge of the course content and competencies. Pretests are taken once and should be completed upon the first couple of days of a CBE academic term or entry into a course if a student is an accelerator. | 100 points | Required before completing any other work in the course. The grade on the pre-test does <b>not</b> count in the final grade for this course. |

## Assessments

### Pretest and Posttest for Each Module

The purpose of the pretests is to provide a baseline understanding of your knowledge in each module. The Posttest is an assessment of your knowledge of the material required for the module. If you score less than 80% you will have an opportunity to review the material and re-take the module Posttest. You will have up to three attempts at passing each competency. If you have not passed the module in three attempts, you will receive a letter grade of an F. In order to demonstrate competency, a score of 80% or higher is required.

### Culminating Project

You will also have a project in this course. The project assesses your knowledge of terms and the application of concepts presented in this course. A **score of 80% or higher is required** to demonstrate competency.

**Note: Review the grading rubric located under the "Final Project" tab to understand how your final paper will be graded.**

**\*\*\*PLEASE, DO NOT RESUBMIT A FINAL PAPER THAT YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO ANY OTHER SCHOOL OR ANY OTHER COURSE FOR YOUR FINAL PROJECT.\*\*\***

| <b>Content</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Value</b> | <b>Notes</b>  |
|----------------|--|--------------|---|
| Project        | Measures your competency of learning outcomes the completion of a competencybased project. | 100 points   | Required and you must score 80% or higher. You have up to three attempts.<br><b>DUE DATE if you want feedback for revisions: End of week 6.</b> |
| <b>Content</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Value</b> | <b>Notes</b>  |
|                |  |              | <b>HARD DUE DATE: Last day of week 7, Friday by 11:59 PM CST</b>  |

If students score less than 80% on the culminating project, they will have an opportunity to review the material and resubmit the project up to two additional times. If the culminating project is less than 80% within three attempts, students will receive a grade of “F” in the course and will be required to retake the course in the new term.

### **GRADING**

A score of 80% or higher on the Culminating Project and 5 Module Posttests is required to demonstrate competency and receive credit for the course. The following items will be used to calculate the final grade in the course.

| <b>Item</b>         | <b>Worth</b>      |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Module 1 Posttest   | 100 points        |
| Module 2 Posttest   | 100 points        |
| Module 3 Posttest   | 100 points        |
| Module 4 Posttest   | 100 points        |
| Module 5 Posttest   | 100 points        |
| Culminating Project | 100 points        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>600 points</b> |

### **Grading Scale**

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

*The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.*

F = 79% or Below

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are the technical requirements

Learning Management System (LMS) Requirements:

View the [Learning Management System Requirements Webpage](#).

LMS Browser Support:

Learn more on the [LMS Browser Support Webpage](#).

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

Visit the [Virtual Classroom Requirements Webpage](#).

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

### Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found on the [Brightspace Support Webpage](#).

### Interaction with Instructor Statement

This is an online course; therefore, expect most communication to be online as well. Correspondence will always be through university email (your "myLeo" mail) and announcements in myLeo online (D2L). The instructor will make every effort to respond to emails within 24 provided the correspondence follows the requirements listed below. Students are encouraged to check university email daily.

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail online in the [Student Guidebook](#).

Students should also consult the [Rules of Netiquette Webpage](#) for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum.

### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy, please view the [Attendance Webpage](#) and the [Class Attendance Policy](#)

### **Academic Integrity**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty Policy](#)  
[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

### **Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

#### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148  
Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)  
Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

### **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

## Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### Counseling Services

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-8865145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel).

## COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

| Learning Objectives and Competencies  | Assignments  |
|---|--|
| LO1: Objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify what is Evidence-Based Policing</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review course syllabus</li> <li>• Review module course guide</li> <li>• Complete the pretest</li> <li>• Review the materials for this module</li> <li>• Complete the module posttest</li> </ul> |
| LO2: Objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify how Evidence-Based Policing can benefit the police profession</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review module course guide</li> <li>● Complete the pretest</li> <li>● Review the materials for this module</li> <li>● Complete the module posttest</li> </ul>                                   |
| LO3: Objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about and identify about best Evidence-Based Policing research practices</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review module course guide</li> <li>● Complete the pretest</li> <li>● Review the materials for this module</li> <li>Complete the module posttest</li> </ul>                                     |
| LO4: Objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about and identify about best Evidence-Based Policing research practices (continued)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review module course guide</li> <li>● Complete the pretest</li> <li>● Review the materials for this module</li> <li>Complete the module posttest</li> </ul>                                     |

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|---|--|
| <p>LO5: Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review and identify sources related to gathering and obtaining policing data</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review module course guide</li> <li>● Complete the pretest</li> <li>● Review the materials for this module</li> </ul> <p>Complete the module posttest</p>   |
| <p>LO6: Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about Evidence-Based Policing organizations around the world</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review module course guide</li> <li>● Review the materials for this module</li> </ul>   |
| <p>LO7: Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstrate your knowledge of Evidence-Based Policing by applying Evidence-Based Policing to a law enforcement agency and program your familiar with in a Final Course Paper.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit final course paper to instructor prior to 11:59 PM on the final day of the term.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: This assignment must be submitted using the assignment link located in the Final Project tab.</p> |