

JUST 1003 POLICING PRACTICES

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102314

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Description This subject concentrates on the implications for police practice of the legislative framework, and police responsibilities including procedures, practices and methods. The content will focus on police decision-making and discretion, and the meaning and practice of police powers. The approach necessary for working with diverse communities is described and analysed, as are associated communication practices. Concepts examined include the appropriate use of force, the appropriate use of personal information and the characteristics of ethical policing practice. Although the key focus of learning relates to the New South Wales Police Force; examples are also drawn from Australian state and federal policing as well as international policing contexts.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Police Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects JUST 1004 - Policing Practices (UWSC) JUST 2004 - Contemporary Policing JUST 2003 - Contemporary Policing

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the practice implications of police powers in NSW and elsewhere;
2. Demonstrate reflective and practical knowledge of police responsibilities in a range of incidents;
3. Articulate an appropriate understanding of caution, arrest, use of force, custody and offender management;
4. Articulate an appropriate understanding of Duty of Care towards victims and offenders;
5. Explain the practice implications of working with diverse communities;
6. Explain the need for clear communication between the police and the policed.

Subject Content

Critical issues in contemporary policing
Policing around the World
Governance, media and policing
Legislation and the limits of contemporary policing
Ethics and cultures of policing
Communications in policing
Community engagement and customer service
Caution, arrest and use of force
Custody and offender management
Duty of Care to victims and offenders

Future of policing in Australia

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Report	1500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Essay	1500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Quiz	Five quiz questions to be undertaken in weeks 3,5,7,10,12 (Twenty five Quiz questions in total)	20	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Liverpool

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