



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

LEA 201 Introduction to Law Enforcement

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the student to the field of law enforcement and explores its historical, philosophical and operational development in the United States. It exposes the student to the different perspectives of the police role and familiarizes students with the concept of discretion as it applies to policing and law enforcement. This course also examines the constitutional limits imposed on the police in their use of excessive and/or deadly force.

PREREQUISITES: *CJS 100*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Explain the philosophy of community policing as distinguished from community relations
- Provide an overview of the concepts of ethics
- Describe the concept of organizational values
- Understand how the police role is changing
- Describe the concept of professionalism
- Describe characteristics of the police subculture
- Identify factors which shape the public's image of the police
- Provide an overview of terrorism as it relates to contemporary society
- Discuss the concept of civilian review and the different methods of civil review employed
- by various law enforcement agencies
- Describe the different forms of media and their relationship

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E