



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### LEA 253 Law Enforcement Capstone

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The capstone course is a culmination of the student's learning experiences that require demonstration of competencies gained throughout the program. Assessment may be accomplished using portfolios, actual testing, case studies and additional field work approaches.

**PREREQUISITES:** LEA 225, LEA 226

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will be to:

- Know the basic definitions of crime and justice, and how they are implemented in the United States.
- Understand how crime data is collected and used.
- Outline and distinguish important theories that help explain the causes of crime.
- Know what the rule of law is, and how it determines what is considered criminal behavior.
- Learn the history and structure of American policing.
- Understand the major roles, functions, and issues in American policing.
- Explain how the administration of justice operates in the United States.  
Understand how sentencing and the appellate process works.
- Learn the history and current role of the death penalty in the United States.  
Identify the different types of correctional institutions and inmates.
- Know the issues that are currently relevant to American corrections.
- Outline and distinguish the different types of community-based correctional programs.
- Understand the differences and similarities between the criminal justice and juvenile systems.
- Identify current trends that affect criminal justice today and in the near future.

**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