

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: LECJ-411 Department: Law Enforcement

Course Title: Juvenile Procedures Semester: Summer Year: 2004

Course Objective	Competencies
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To examine the role of the police in delinquency prevention and the make-up of the Youth Services Division within the Police Department.2. Emphasis is on theory, administration, control, treatment, confinement, community resources, and relationships with the public and juvenile court.3. To enable the student to compare and evaluate the objectives of the Juvenile Justice System with its actual results and with systems of other countries.4. To acquaint the student, with the existing institutions and programs associated with the Juvenile Justice System: police (Youth Aid Bureaus), corrections (Department Of Youth Services) and courts (Juvenile Courts).5. The major theories regarding the causes of delinquency and status offenses are covered on detail. The student must be able to identify the various social, psychological, economic and biological/neurological causes of crime.6. The student examines the role of various officers in the Juvenile Courts such as the District Attorney's Office, Defense Attorney, Public Defender, Judge, Clerk of Court and Probation officer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The concept of delinquency is covered. This includes what is delinquent behavior and status offenses.▪ Measuring delinquent behavior is covered in detail. This includes official statistics, self-reports and survey data, chronic offender and cohort studies and juvenile victimization.▪ The student is expected to know the theories of delinquency. This includes the classical theory, individualist, psychological, sociological and developmental theories.▪ The student will focus on the concept of delinquency as it relates to the specific topics of gender, family, peers, gangs, schools and drug use.▪ The history and development of the Juvenile Justice System in the U.S. is covered in detail. Also, the Juvenile Justice System in other countries is covered.▪ The law enforcement professional's work with juveniles is covered. This includes the topics of procedures, discretion and delinquency prevention.▪ The Juvenile Court Process from arraignment, pre-trial procedures, the juvenile court trial, and disposition are

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	<p>learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The sanctions available to the juvenile justice system are explored. The history and concept of probation and conditions of probation are covered. Juvenile institutions and correctional treatment are included.