

Course Objectives	Competencies
<p>The objectives of this course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarize students with the role of the multi-tiered (federal, state, county, and local) law enforcement system as one of the three components of the criminal justice system. • Examine the modern police force, from it's early development in England to the current U.S. system. • Discuss the concept of "crime control", including its many theories, at various points in history, including modern trends in Community Policing, Problem Oriented Policing, and Zero-Tolerance Policing. • Provide students with a basic understanding of the organization, operations, rules, and regulations of American Law Enforcement; including an understanding of the constitutional provisions that dictate police citizen interaction. • Develop the students understanding of ethical decision making; particularly how it relates to the issues of police discretion and accountability. • Familiarize students with the variety job opportunities and the processes of becoming a police officer and moving through a career in the field. • Demistify the the day-to-day life of a police officer, and combat misconceptions brought on by television and movies. • Explore the various relationships between the police and society at large; focusing on issues of police-community relations and current issues faced by police officers on the street.. <p>The teaching methodology is lecture, with application of relevant issues to current events and student participation via discussion and/or demonstration.</p>	<p>At the completion of this course students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of the operations, rules, and regulations of American law enforcement, as it functions at the federal, state, county, and local levels. • Show an thorough understanding of the role of patrol in modern policing; including its benefits and shortcomings. • Provide a detailed picture of the social conditions and influences that led to the development of modern policing. • Describe the various historical and modern theories of crime control; and the modern innovations in policing strategy. • Demonstrate an understanding of organization of law enforcement at various levels of government. • Explain the interrelated functions of modern police with courts and corrections. • Articulate the processes of obtaining a job and the moving through a career in policing. • Justify the need for police discretion; and describe how the issues of ethics and accountability relate to police decision making. • Understand the roles of the police officer; including peacekeeping, order maintenance, and public servant. • Identify various career paths open to someone interested in the field of law enforcement. • Show a thorough understanding of the role of police in society; including police-community relations and the current issues faced by police officers on the street.