

Course Objectives/Course Outline

Spokane Community College

Course Title: Intro to Criminal Justice

Prefix and Course Number: CJ& 101

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Identify and discuss the roles of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and corrections programs to include local, state and federal jails, prisons, probation and parole programs
- Identify the roots and discuss the evolution of policing from Great Britain to modern policing in America
- Identify and discuss the scope and duties of law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and other criminal justice professionals in modern society
- Identify Constitutional laws which address search, seizure, and arrest
- Identify and discuss current problems in law enforcement to include corruption, use of force, diversity of officer corps, and interaction with diverse cultures within the community

Outline:

I. Crime and the Criminal Justice System

- A. Criminal Justice System
- B. Crime and Causation
- C. Criminal Justice and the rule of law
- D. Foundations of criminal law

II. Police

- A. Police Functions.
- B. Police and the law.
- C. Police Subculture

III. Courts

- A. Courts and Adjudication
- B. The Courtroom and how it functions
- C. Pretrial procedures, plea bargaining, and the criminal trial
- D. Appeals

IV. Contemporary Issues and Challenges

- A. Police abuse of power
- B. Encounters between Police and citizens.
- C. Police and the Community
- D. Use of force

V. Corrections

- A. Incarceration and prison society
- B. Probation and intermediate Sanctions
- C. Correctional Policy trends
- D. Reentry into the community

- VI. Technology and criminal justice
 - A. Crime and technology
 - B. Policing and new technology
 - C. Technology in courts and correction

- VII. Juvenile Justice
 - A. Youth Crime in the United States
 - B. The Juvenile justice system
 - C. The juvenile justice process
 - D. Problems and perspectives