

# Virginia Western Community College

## ADJ 100

### Survey of Criminal Justice

#### **Prerequisites**

None

#### **Course Description**

Presents an overview of the United States criminal justice system; introduces the major system components--law enforcement, judiciary, and corrections.

**Semester Credits: 3**

**Lecture Hours: 3**

**Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0**

#### **Required Materials**

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

#### **Textbook:**

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction, 11<sup>th</sup> edition Author: Frank Schmalleger  
ISBN# 978-0-13-4206684

#### **Other Required Materials:**

None

#### **Course Outcomes**

**At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- Define and understand crime in America
- Comprehend the facets of policing
- Develop a clear understanding of the American judicial system
- Discuss the American response to crime through the study of Corrections (adult and juvenile)
- Practice the art of professionalism and critical thinking regarding criminal justice

**Topical Description**

1	Crime in America
2	Crime Picture
3	Criminal Law
4	Policing
5	Courts
6	Probation, Parole and Community Corrections
7	Prisons and Jails
8	Prison Life
9	Juvenile Justice System

**Notes to Instructors**