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.   Canvas

Textbook:

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction, 13th edition Author: Frank Schmalleger
ISBN# 978-0-135-20918-9

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

ADA Statement (PDF)

Title IX Statement (PDF)