

# Virginia Western Community College

## ADJ 110

### Introduction to Law Enforcement

#### **Prerequisites**

None

#### **Course Description**

Studies the philosophy and history of law enforcement, presenting an overview of the crime problem and policy response issues. Surveys the jurisdictions and organizations of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Examines the qualification requirements and career opportunities in the law enforcement profession.

**Semester Credits: 3**

**Lecture Hours: 3**

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

#### **Required Materials**

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Canvas

**Textbook:** *An Introduction to Policing*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, Cengage, 2019. Authors: John Dempsey, Linda Forst, and Steven Carter. ISBN: 978-1-337-55875-4.

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

None

#### **Course Outcomes**

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

- Explain the history of law enforcement in the United States
- Understand the responsibilities of law enforcement officers.
- Understand the qualifications requirements and selection processes for law enforcement officers.
- Explain the importance of ethics and professionalism in law enforcement.
- Understand the different jurisdictions of law enforcement agencies.
- Describe the challenges and critical issues facing law enforcement officers and agencies.

- Explain the role of discretion in law enforcement.
- Describe the police subculture and its impact on the law enforcement profession.
- Explain the importance of community policing in today's law enforcement profession.

### **Topical Description**

1	Law Enforcement History
2	Department Organization
3	Becoming a Law Enforcement Officer
4	Law Enforcement Role and Discretion
5	Minorities in Law Enforcement
6	Law Enforcement Ethics
7	Law Enforcement Operations
8	Community Policing
9	Critical Issues in Law Enforcement

### **Notes to Instructors**

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