

CMJS 2003: LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SOCIETY

1. Catalog Description

The various expectations placed upon the role of the police will be examined with special emphasis upon the police organization's interactions with other components of the criminal justice system. Special attention is focused upon the topics of women in law enforcement, the hiring, promotion, and interactions with minorities, use of force, training issues, national accreditation and the reshaping of the role of the police in a changing society.

2. Prerequisites: None

3. Credit, Contact, Local Hours: 3/3/3

4. Target Audience & Transfer

Designed for students majoring in criminal justice and for students with an interest in any criminal justice or social science fields. Successful completion of this course should prepare students for further study in the criminal justice curriculum.

5. General Course Outcomes

Students completing this course should be able to:

- a. Knowledge. Obtain a foundation of facts, vocabulary and principles associated with law enforcement as it is practiced in the United States.
- b. Critical Thinking. Use the basic information obtained in this course to recognize and be able to analyze issues relating to law enforcement methodology and the relationship between law enforcement and society in general.
- c. Academic Skills. Use the information obtained in this course to prepare them for more detailed instruction in Criminal Investigation, Police Administration and Criminal Procedure.
- d. Cultural Awareness. Expand their knowledge to issues peculiar to women in law enforcement and the relationship between law enforcement and minorities.

6. Required Texts: Lyman, The Police: An Introduction Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall

7. Topics:

- a. The role of the police
- b. Police interactions
- c. Women in law enforcement
- d. Minorities in law enforcement
- e. Training and accreditation
- f. A changing society

8. Required Methods of Instruction

Three hours classroom lecture per week with additional outside assignments focusing on law enforcement in northwest Arkansas.

9. Required Forms of Assessment

- a. Students will be given a pre and post test written by individual faculty but which will include some questions from a Test Bank under development by the program Coordinator. The information from these pre and post tests will be analyzed each semester so that the faculty can target areas of insufficient learning and accomplishment.
- b. Students will be given periodic examinations covering selected topics of the course so that when the course has been completed, students will have been tested on all topics set out above. Each such test will contain a critical thinking element to measure the student's understanding of analytical matters and their competency in rational thinking.

10. Resources: None