

# **Course Outcome Summary**

**Required Program Core Course** 

## **CRJ 256 Police Operations**

#### **Course Information**

**Division** Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Number CRJ 256

Contact Hours 45
Total Credits 3

#### **Prerequisites**

RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests

### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to modern-day policing in the United States. The course focuses on the day-to-day operations of a police organization with an emphasis on patrol, reports, communications, arrests, officer survival skills, community relationships, and jail operations. The course explores both the positive and negative aspects of policing including their role in society and how discretion and ethics play a major role in everyday operations. Complex issues including corruption and use of force will be explored, providing students with a well-rounded and realistic view of police work.

#### **Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below

- A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and processes of the Criminal Justice System
- B. Develop problem-solving skills in a variety of situations that utilize critical thinking and situational analysis.
- C. Explain both substantive and procedural criminal law, criminological concepts and the study of crime and victimology.
- D. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
- E. Discuss Constitutional protections applied to the criminal justice system.
- F. Promote professionalism through the use of ethics and diversity in course offerings.

#### **Course Outcomes**

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Explain the foundations of American police organizations from a historical perspective and how they currently fit into the Criminal Justice System.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 2. Identify and discuss the basic organizational structures of police agencies, recognizing the essential divisions and structure within a police organization.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 3. Identify and discuss the models of policing and how this impacts the organizational structure.



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- -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 4. Identify and discuss the basic police functions: patrol, investigatory, crime prevention, and peace-keeping.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 5. Explain the police subculture and how it forms.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 6. Explain how police discretion impacts the entire criminal justice system.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 7. Discuss the practical and ethical challenges associated with law enforcement.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
- 8. Discuss the relationship between community and police organizations.
  - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F

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