NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 110 - INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT (3 CR.)

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. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an understanding and overview of various law enforcement operations and issues impacting today's environment. The student will have a greater understand for the requirements and responsibilities of law enforcement officers.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

a) understand the responsibilities law enforcement officers.
 b) explore the jurisdictions of different law enforcement agencies.
 c) describe the challenges and critical issues facing law enforcement.
 d) define discretion and the role it has in law enforcement.
 e) describe the police subculture and the impact on law enforcement.

Major Topics to be Included

a) explore the history of law enforcement.
 b) discuss career opportunities in the field of policing.
 c) explore ethics and professionalism in law enforcement.
 d) explain use of force and the standards of force used by law enforcement.
 e) define and discuss problem-oriented policing.
 f) explain the role of community policing in today's environment.
 g) examine civil liability in law enforcement.
 h) discuss the need for public support of law enforcement.
 i) review lethal and non-lethal or less lethal force.
 j) review the police subculture.

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related subjects at the discretion of the instructor