

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
SPA 150 – SPANISH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (3 CR.)**

Course Description

Introduces Spanish to those in the criminal justice field. Emphasizes oral communication and practical first-hand police and criminal justice vocabulary. Includes oral drill and practice. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To provide law enforcement officials with the basic language skills necessary to communicate with the Spanish-speaking community. Students learn to communicate in Spanish within a limited context of vocabulary and grammatical structures.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

No prior knowledge of Spanish is required.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand simple spoken Spanish within the limited context presented to beginners.
- Speak simple Spanish with correct pronunciation at normal conversational speed.
- Read the Spanish the student has already learned to comprehend and speak.
- Write accurately what the student has learned to understand, say and read.

Major Topics to be Covered

The student will learn the appropriate structures of the Spanish language in a prescribed sequence beginning with the simplest and working toward the more complex. Students learn correct Spanish pronunciation.

- Basic Vocabulary (greetings, interrogative words, alphabet, numbers, months, days, telling time, clothing, colors, body description, adjectives, jewelry, persons/family)
- Gathering Information
- Description/Identification
- Domestic Disputes
- Consent Search
- Emergency Telecommunicator
- D.U.I.
- Traffic Stops
- Danger Words
- Robbery Assault
- Miranda Warning/Waiver
- Commands
- Basic Grammar
- Cultural awareness of the Spanish-speaking community