

Inver Hills Community College

CJS 1150: Introduction to Criminal Justice

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

ENG 0099 - Introduction to Academic Writing (Minimum grade: 1.67 GPA equivalent); OR

EAP 0099 - Academic Writing (Minimum grade: 1.67 GPA equivalent)

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Describes the American system of criminal justice, covering theories of justice, criminal law, policing, courts and associated pre- and post-trial legal processes, punishment and corrections, and juvenile justice. Prerequisites: Instructor approval or placement by Accuplacer assessment into ENG 1108 or completion of ENG/EAP 0099 with a C grade or better.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/01/2007 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. History of the adult and juvenile criminal justice system: 10%
2. Law enforcement: 25%
3. Court process: 25%
4. Corrections: 25%
5. MN community corrections: 10%
6. Theories: 5%

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Explain historical foundations of the criminal justice system
2. Differentiate models of policing
3. Identify legal issues in policing
4. Identify types of punishment
5. Categorize types of criminal law
6. Detail the functions of the court system
7. Identify the prison society
8. Explain the effects of resocialization of former prisoners
9. Differentiate the juvenile and adult justice systems

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted