

# Minnesota State College Southeast

## CJSP 1102: Introduction to Criminal Justice

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course provides an overview of the philosophical and historical background of the components and policies that make-up the criminal justice system and their interrelationships in our diverse society. It examines deviant behavior in our society and the roles of law enforcement, courts, corrections and community corrections agencies. (Prerequisite: None) (3 Credits: 3 lecture/0 lab)

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/18/2016 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Law Enforcement
2. Courts
3. Corrections
4. Careers in Criminal Justice

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand causation of crime and how it's defined, including theories such as biological, psychological, sociological, and developmental
2. Explore the three components of the criminal justice system: Law Enforcement, Courts and Corrections
3. Describe the criminal trial components such as an individual's legal rights, the trial process, jury selection, verdict, sentencing and appeal process
4. Understand the history and goals of punishment from least to most restrictive, including correctional facilities
5. Understand prison life such as prisons, adjustment to prison life, available treatment options, correctional officers, prison violence, prisoners' rights, and transition back into the community
6. Explore the various employment opportunities within the criminal justice profession

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

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

This course was previously CJSP 1202.