LENF 2627: Criminal Procedure/Civil Process

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 3
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:
POLS 2402 - Constitutional Law

Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

The legal aspects of the criminal justice system from beginning to end are explored including special constitutional limitations on police actions. Learners understand the role of a police officer in the system as it relates to the procedural handling of a criminal case. Also examined in the course are rules of evidence, criminal defenses, forfeitures, service of civil process, civil liability, and courtroom testimony. This course focuses on government authority to stop, detain, search, and seize. Prerequisite: POLS2402.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/27/2007 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Constitutional Requirements for Stop and Frisk
2. Constitutional and Statutory Requirements for Arrest
3. Constitutional Requirements for Traffic Stops
4. 4th Amendment Rules for Search and Seizure
5. Search Warrants and Exceptions
6. The Peace Officer’s Role in the Judicial Process
7. Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure and Evidence
8. Statutory Requirements for Civil Process
9. The Peace Officer’s Role in Service of Civil Commitment

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will recall and articulate the standards and procedures for a legal arrest.
2. The learner will recall and articulate the requirements for legally searching for and seizing evidence of criminal activity.
3. The learner will demonstrate familiarity with pertinent provisions of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and the officer's part in the legal process.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted