Alexandria Technical and Community College

PTE 1500: Introduction to Criminal Justice

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3  
Lecture Hours/Week: 3  
Lab Hours/Week: 0  
OJT Hours/Week: *.*  
Prerequisites: None  
Corequisites: None  
MnTC Goals: None

This course is intended to give an overview of the American criminal justice system, with specific review of the roles and responsibilities of the police, courts, corrections institutions and the democratic foundations upon which the system is based. In addition, the course is appropriate for those who want to learn more about career options in the areas of criminal justice.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:  10/13/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Criminal justice systems
2. Sociological theory and methods applied to criminal justice systems.
4. Criminal court systems.
5. The sociology of prisons and confinement.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Explain the core components of the criminal justice system (e.g. law enforcement, judicial and corrections).
2. Explore criminal justice careers and how the criminal justice system is changing.
3. Explore the history and relationships of the core components of the criminal justice system currently and in the future.
4. Identify the constitutional foundations for the criminal justice system.
5. Explain the process of how laws are created, enforced, interpreted, and revised.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted