

# CJ C135: INTRODUCTION TO POLICING

Item	Value
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	10/23/2009
Top Code	210500 - Administration of Justice
Units	3 Total Units
Hours	54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Open Entry/Open Exit	No
Grading Policy	Standard Letter (S), • Pass/No Pass (B)

## Course Description

This course gives students an overview of the police and their mission. It examines the evolution of policing as well as methods, issues, and challenges to present day policing. The course also looks at technology in the service of law enforcement and explores the future of policing. Emphasis is placed on the student's developing a proper understanding of police accountability and ethical behavior. Transfer Credit: CSU.

## Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Given a hypothetical field scenario, prepare a persuasive essay that correctly analyzes American policing concepts related to operational police practices.
2. Given a law enforcement code of conduct, evaluate police adherence to the code and potential causes for police misconduct in American policing.

## Course Objectives

- 1. Examine the organization of law enforcement.
- 2. Distinguish the roles, functions, and styles of policing.
- 3. Describe the impact that history has had on the current law enforcement system.
- 4. Explain the legal concepts of stop and frisk, probable cause, and the exclusionary rule.
- 5. Explain challenges faced by law enforcement.
- 6. Analyze laws as related to policing.
- 7. Appraise the use of technology in policing.
- 8. Analyze issues related to policing in foreign countries.

## Lecture Content

DEVELOPMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICE  
 Historical Development Federal and State Agencies Organization  
 and Administration of Police Departments Law Enforcement Career  
 Preparation POLICING AS AN OCCUPATION Patrol Methods Police  
 Discretion and Authority Community-oriented Policing and Problem-  
 solving Crime Prevention Criminal Investigation CONSTRAINTS:

RULE OF LAW, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LIABILITY The Rule of Law:  
 U.S. Constitution Police Accountability Ethics Use of Force Corruption  
 Discipline Civil Liability SPECIAL PROBLEMS, POPULATIONS AND  
 CHALLENGES Terrorism Street Gangs Drugs Illegal Immigration  
 Organized Crime Hate Crime Juvenile Control Policing Trends and  
 Issues THE FUTURE OF POLICING Police and Technology Major  
 Challenges in the Nature and Types of Crime Principles of Futures  
 Research

## Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)

## Instructional Techniques

Instructor will utilize lecture, case studies, simulations, flash cards, DVD/  
 videotaped scenarios, computer generated presentations, web-based  
 information distribution, and facilitate classroom discussions.

## Reading Assignments

Students will complete assigned reading from the course textbook and  
 selected legal briefs and case studies.

## Writing Assignments

Students will respond to essay questions requiring the student to  
 examine the challenges faced by law enforcement and prepare reports  
 based upon law case briefs related to important U.S. Supreme Court  
 decisions.

## Out-of-class Assignments

Students will study for quizzes and the final examination, complete  
 required readings, and prepare written reports.

## Demonstration of Critical Thinking

Students will demonstrate critical thinking through the analysis of case  
 studies, legal briefs, sample legal problems, ethical issues, security  
 trends, and statistical data related to crime.

## Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Students will prepare reports based upon law case briefs related to  
 important U.S. Supreme Court decisions, respond to essay questions  
 requiring the student to examine the challenges faced by law  
 enforcement, and evaluate sample field policing problems and ethical  
 case studies to demonstrate proper discretionary decision-making skills.

## Eligible Disciplines

Administration of justice (police science, corrections, law enforcement):  
 Any bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience, or any  
 associate degree and six years of professional experience.

## Textbooks Resources

1. Required Peak, K.; Souza, W. Policing America: Challenges and Best  
 Practices, 10th ed. Pearson Publishing, 2022

## Other Resources

1. Coastline Library