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COURSE OUTLINE

1. COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER: **ADJ 130** CREDIT HOURS: 3

2. COURSE TITLE: **Introduction to Criminal Law**

3. PREREQUISITES: English placement recommendation for ENG 111, mathematics placement recommendation at level 2 or higher, and satisfactory completion of ENG 4 if required by reading placement test. Prerequisite or co-requisite: ENG 108 if recommended by reading placement test. Prerequisite and corequisite courses may be waived only by program or division approval.

4. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Surveys the general principles of American criminal law, the elements of major crimes, and the basic steps of prosecution procedure. Lecture 3 hours per week.

5. CONTENT: (Major Headings)

- a. Crimes Against Person
- b. Crimes Against Property
- c. Sex Crimes
- d. Balancing of Constitutional Rights with the Need for Public Order

6. GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a. describe and discuss the criminal law of Virginia.
- b. demonstrate a knowledge of Constitution responsibilities of criminal justice personnel.
- c. demonstrate an understanding of how to research laws in the Code of Virginia.
- d. understand case law as it applies to the criminal justice system.