

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** ADJ 100

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Title:** Survey of Criminal Justice

**Course Description:** Presents an overview of the United States criminal justice system; introduces the major system components: law enforcement, judiciary, and corrections. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Describe and discuss the major components of the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and how they relate to each other;
- b. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the sources of law;
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of the components of criminal law; and
- d. Discuss the importance of the relationships between the CJS and the community.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Survey of criminal law
- b. Nature and extent of crime
- c. Overview of Criminal Justice System
- d. The police
- e. The courts
- f. Corrections

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** Fall, 2008