

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

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 130

Credits: 3

Course Title: Introduction to Criminal Law

Course Description: Surveys the general principles of American criminal law, the elements of major crimes, and the basic steps of prosecution procedure. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. 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:

- a. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to
- b. Describe and discuss the criminal law of Virginia;
- c. Demonstrate a knowledge of Constitution responsibilities of criminal justice personnel;
- d. Demonstrate an understanding of how to research laws in the Code of Virginia; and
- e. Understand case law as it applies to the criminal justice system.

Major Topics to Be Included:

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

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Fall, 2008