

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

**Course Prefix and Number:** ADJ 161

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Introduction to Computer Crime

**Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours and total contacts)**

Provides a basic introduction to the nature of computer crimes, computer criminals, relevant law, investigative techniques, and emerging trends. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

ADJ 161 will introduce students to the vast field of computer crimes. The course will allow students to become familiar with laws that can be violated via the computer and other digital devices, and teach them how these devices can be useful in gaining evidence for the prosecution of criminal cases. Students will also become familiar with relevant law pertaining to digital evidence and different techniques available to law enforcement in investigating computer crimes. This course will be offered as an ADJ elective for the AAS degree for Administration of Justice.

**Course Objectives**

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

- a. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer related crimes.
- b. Use effective investigative techniques with responding to computer related crimes.
- c. Demonstrate a general knowledge of law relevant to computer crimes and the collection of digital evidence.
- d. Understand emerging trends as they relate to computer crimes and criminals.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- a. Case law relevant to computer crimes and evidence collection
- b. Investigative techniques in relation to computer crimes
- c. Prosecution of cases involving digital evidence
- d. Emerging trends in the area of computer crimes

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year):** January 13, 2011