

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

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 227

Credits: 3

Course Title: Constitutional Law for Justice Personnel

Course Description: Surveys the basic guarantees of liberty described in the U.S. Constitution and the historical development of these restrictions on government power, primarily through U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Reviews rights of free speech, press, and assembly, as well as criminal procedure guarantees (to counsel, jury trial, habeas corpus, etc.) as they apply to the activities of those in the criminal justice system. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Describe and discuss basic guarantees of liberty described in the U.S. Constitution;
- b. Describe and discuss the amendments to the U. S. Constitution to include those items of particular interest to criminal justice;
- c. Describe and discuss the limitations the U.S. Constitution puts on government power; and
- d. Describe and discuss rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. History and general applications of constitutional provisions
- b. The Bill of Rights
- c. Constitutional constraints on law enforcement
- d. Impact on law enforcement as a result of Supreme Court decisions

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: May 1, 2014