Course Description:

This course is an introduction to policing and law enforcement in America including a historical and social review of policing and law enforcement. Emphasis is placed on contemporary strategies used in modern law enforcement organizations and administration to combat and prevent crime.

Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s):

None.

Credit hours: 4

Contact hours: 40 (40 Theory Hours)
Syllabus: Principles of Policing and Law Enforcement

Instructor: ________________________________________
Office hours: ________________________________________
Class hours: _______________________________________

Major Instructional Areas

1. Historical and social development of law enforcement
2. Law enforcement administration and organization
3. History of community policing
4. Ethics and legal responsibilities in law enforcement
5. The role of law enforcement in regard to community-oriented policing
6. The future of law enforcement

Course Objectives

1. Determine the challenges of administering justice in a free society.
2. Examine the role of the police officer within a continuously evolving society.
3. Show how law enforcement administration and organization impact policing.
4. Analyze the principles and strategies of community- and problem-oriented policing.
5. Contrast the concepts of public relations and community relations.
6. Examine the factors that have played a role in shaping community policing.
7. Determine how ethics and legal responsibilities are used in law enforcement.
8. Specify the role of law enforcement in regard to community-oriented policing.
9. Examine the future of law enforcement and the community.
SCANS Objectives

SCANS is an acronym for Secretary’s Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills. The committee, created by the National Secretary of Labor in the early 1990s, created a list of skills and competencies that the committee feels are necessary for employees to function in a high-tech job market.

1. Develop and reinforce critical-reading skills and thinking processes.
2. Present ideas or data using oral, written, graphic, pictorial, or multimedia methods to justify positions and persuade and convince others.
3. Juxtapose two theories and defend one of the two.
4. Demonstrate the ability to use traditional and electronic library sources to locate and interpret written information.
5. Complete assignments while maintaining academic integrity and honesty.
6. Generate new ideas.
7. Use critical thinking to apply acquired knowledge.
8. Use ideas or information to gain new perspectives.
9. Analyze and interpret data.

Course Outline

Note: All graded activities, except the Final Exam, are listed below in the pattern of <Unit Number>.<Assignment Number>. For example, Quizzes: 7.1 refers to the first quiz in Unit 7.

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| 1—   | • Content Covered:  
| Police Role in the Administration of Justice |  
|      | *Police-Community Relations and the Administration of Justice*:  
|      | o Chapter 1, “The Administration of Justice and the Police”  
|      | • Assignments: 1.1  
<p>| 2—   | • Read from <em>Police-Community Relations and the Administration of Justice</em> |</p>
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<td>11— Course Review and Final Exam</td>
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**Instructional Methods**

This course introduces basic aspects of law enforcement in the United States. It uses a broad range of assessments to test knowledge: writing assignments, analyses, quizzes, and a final exam. Writing and research assignments focus on improving composition and analytical skills. The quizzes and final exam will test understanding of the course objectives through multiple-choice and true/false questions. The research assignment provides an opportunity to view some of the daily challenges of a police executive and a patrol officer.
Instructional Materials and References

Student Textbook Package


References

ITT Tech Virtual Library

Log on to the ITT Tech Virtual Library at http://library.itt-tech.edu/ to access online books, journals, and other reference resources selected to support ITT Tech curricula.

Books

You may click “Books” or use the Library Catalog function on the home page to find the following books.


**Periodicals**

You may click “Periodicals” or use the E-Journal Lookup function on the home page to find the following periodical articles.

ProQuest> ProQuest Criminal Justice Periodicals>


- “Toward a better understanding of the hierarchical nature of police organizations: Conception and measurement.” *William R King.* *Journal of Criminal Justice.* New York: Jan/Feb 2005. Vol. 33, Iss. 1; p. 97
Other References

The following resources may be found outside of the ITT Tech Virtual Library, whether online or in hard copy.

Books


Periodicals

- *Police: The Law Enforcement Magazine*  
  http://www.policemag.com/mstore/index.cfm
- *Law and Order Magazine*  
  http://www.hendonpub.com/publications/lawandorder
- *Marksman Magazine*  

Web sites

- Center for Criminal Justice Technology  
A Web site providing law enforcement news, events, and product information.

  This site provides information about the nation's only memorial and museum honoring the police in federal, state, county, and local departments.

  AELE is a research-driven educational organization that produces and disseminates legal information through traditional seminars, electronic media, and direct contact.

  This is the home page of this federal agency.

  This site provides links to other intelligence agencies and online agency reports, including the popular World Factbook.

  This is the home page of the federal DOJ.

  This site covers law enforcement technology, products, and news with training webcasts, a directory of law enforcement agencies around the world, and more.

  This site provides information about federal efforts to combat drugs and federal law enforcement and crime data.

  The official Web site of the FBI provides links to law enforcement and crime information and data.

  In the FOIA area, many of the center's documents are available for download.
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
  This site covers training, conferences, legislative action, and employment.

- Justice Technology Information Network
  http://www.justnet.org/Pages/home.aspx (accessed Nov. 4, 2010)
  This DOJ site contains data and technical information dealing with law enforcement technology.

- National Security Agency/Central Security Service
  The NSA/CSS core missions are to protect U.S. national security systems and to produce foreign signals intelligence information.

- Official Directory of State Patrol and State Police
  This Web site provides links to all 50 state patrol agencies.

- Police Futurists International
  http://www.policefuturists.org (accessed Nov. 4, 2010)
  This organization fosters excellence in policing by promoting and applying methodologies of futures research.

- U.S. Postal Inspection Service
  This federal agency enforces laws dealing with unlawful use of mail.

- U.S. Secret Service
  This site is the home page of U.S. Secret Service, a federal law enforcement agency that protects the president. However, most of the agency’s work involves pursuing counterfeiters and guarding against financial and electronic crime.

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
  Besides being an anti-smuggling agency, the Customs Service also focuses on illegal activities such as money laundering, child pornography, and vessel and cargo thefts.

All links to Web references are always subject to change without prior notice.
## Course Evaluation and Grading

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Note: Students are responsible for abiding by the Plagiarism Policy.
Grade Conversion Table

The final grades will be calculated from the percentages earned in the course, as follows:

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