

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Official Course Outline

- I. Course Prefix/Number/Title:** ADJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement
Credit Hours: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3 **Lab Hours:** 0 **Total Contact Hours:** 3
- II. Pre-requisite:** None **Co-requisite:** None
- III. Course Description:** Studies the philosophy and history of law enforcement, presenting an overview of the crime problem and policy response issues. Surveys the jurisdictions and organizations of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Examines the qualification requirements and career opportunities in the law enforcement professions.
- IV. Course Objectives:** To assist the student to
- Understand the origination and organization of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies
 - Understand the Bill of Rights and its implications for civil rights and civil liberties
 - Understand how victims may become involved in the criminal justice system
 - Understand the primary characteristics and distinguishing characteristics of investigators, community policing agents, and institutional treatment facilities
 - Understand how various law enforcement agencies aid the criminal justice process
 - Understand how self-report data are collected and what they say about crime
 - Understand the distinction between community treatment and institutional treatment
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- V. Course Content:**
- The evolution of law and our criminal justice system
 - American law and the U.S. Constitution
 - Crime in the United States and its victims
 - An overview of contemporary policing
 - Issues concerning police conduct
 - Aspects of police recruiting
- VI. Textbooks:** Wroblewski, Henry M. and Karen M. Hess. Introduction to Law Enforcement. New York: Thomson Learning, 2003.
- VII. Additional Information:**