

Common Course Outline
CRJU 142
Law Enforcement and the Community
3 semester hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Law Enforcement and the Community

Discusses the relationship between law enforcement agents and the community they serve; emphasizes policing in a culturally diverse society with recommendations for ways of working together.

Prerequisites: ENGL 052 and RDNG 052 or ESOL 052

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- discuss the professional role of police
- identify the importance of police discretion
- recall the self-image and public image of
- compare perceptions, attitudes, beliefs and values of police
- review issues related to police, minorities, violence and civil disorders
- recognize the source and handling of complaints against police
- relate the role of police to other components of the criminal justice system
- identify the function the police and crime prevention
- state correct procedures for responding to the media
- discuss ethical issues and considerations related to police in our society
- compare police programs of the past, present and future

Major Topics

- I. Fundamentals
 - A. Foundation
 - B. The American experience and concept
 - C. The role dilemma of the police
 - D. Role and professionalism
 - E. Role and police discretion
- II. Attitudes: Psychological aspects of police and community relations
 - A. Self-image of the police officer
 - B. Public image of the police officer
 - C. Perceptions, attitudes, beliefs and values
- III. Sociological considerations
 - A. Social processes, population trends and the urban environment
 - B. The police and minorities
 - C. Violence and civil disorders
 - D. Complaints and the police
 - E. Omnibus: Youth, women, domestic violence, crime victims, elderly, handicapped
- IV. Other considerations

- A. The criminal justice system: police, prosecution and the courts
 - B. Corrections and the community
 - C. Politics and crime prevention
 - D. The media
 - E. Ethics and criminal justice
- V. Programs
- A. Yesterday's programs
 - B. Today's programs
 - C. Programs of the future

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Written assignments
- Tests/ quizzes
- Attendance and participation

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments

Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice elective course. It is taught in the classroom using a variety of instructional techniques, which are intended to meet the varied learning styles of our diverse student population. These strategies rely on positive interdependence on a cooperative learning environment. Individual accountability is a key outcome of these strategies.