



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### CJS 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course examines the foundations of the Criminal Justice System and provides an historical perspective on the law's development. It also examines the main components of the Criminal Justice System including law enforcement (police), the court system, and corrections.

**PREREQUISITES:** NONE

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

*Upon completion of this course, the student will:*

1. Summarize how the criminal justice system responds to crime
2. Explain how myths about crime and criminal justice affect the criminal justice system.
3. Identify the costs of crime.
4. Define criminological theory.
5. Distinguish between criminal and civil law
6. Summarize the origins of American criminal law.
7. Describe the structure of American law enforcement.
8. List 4 major functions of police departments.
9. List and define the stages
10. Describe the recent trends in the use of incarceration in the United States.
11. Summarize recent trends in juvenile incarceration.

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9% = B  
70%-79.9% = C  
60%-69.9% = D  
<60% = E