

**Northeast Metro 916 Career and Technical Center
Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice**

Fall 2019

Course Syllabus:	Introduction to Criminal Justice
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Course Location:	Northeast Metro 916 Career and Technical Center Located in the Century College East Campus building 3300 Century Avenue North Room 2221 White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Course Dates and Times:	Monday to Friday Time Block #1 8:05AM to 9:50AM Time Block #2 10:00AM to 11:45AM Time Block #3 12:35PM to 2:15PM

Essential Learning Objectives:

Students will:

1. Demonstrate professionalism through leadership, communication, and teamwork.
2. Analyze the core components of the criminal justice system (police, courts, and corrections).
3. Examine and identify the constitutional foundations for the criminal justice system.
4. Exhibit proficient skills in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers.

Course Description:

This course provides a practical overview of key issues, questions, and concepts related to police interactions with communities. Topic areas include ethics, leadership, diversity, problem-solving, and communication. This course examines the role of police in various types of communities. It considers the general and specialist approach to police-community relations, training evaluation, performance, and changes in the role of the police due to homeland security, social policy, and emerging technologies.

College Credit:

Students can earn articulated college credit with a course grade of **B** or Higher and course attendance. See agreements at CTECreditMN.com for more information.

Teaching-Learning Methods:

Teaching-learning methods for this course include assigned readings, presentations, discussion, reflection, critical thinking, guest speakers, and other classroom activities. Evaluation of the course will be comprised of assignments, quizzes, and tests.

Course Textbook/Course Material:

The instructor will provide all necessary text, handouts, etc.

Student Organizations:

Students are encouraged to participate in a Student Organization. Options include: local Police Explorer Posts and/or SkillsUSA. The Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice program has a SkillsUSA Chapter and students are able to compete at a State and National level.

Student Behavior:

Professionalism is of utmost importance in this program. Students are representatives of the Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Northeast Metro 916 Career and Technical program and are expected to act in a professional manner at all times. The instructor will utilize numerous guest speakers. Students will have the opportunity to network and begin to develop qualities and characteristics needed to proceed in various career paths.

Attendance:

The greatest key in unlocking a student's potential to learn is attendance. Students are provided with a Northeast Metro 916 school calendar. If the student's home school calendar is different, the instructor encourages the student to attend class. The instructor and school note the student is not required to attend due to transportation issues.

Students are expected to be on time. If students are not able to attend class, the **STUDENT** is expected to call or email the instructor, prior to the beginning of class. This does not replace the home school policy regarding attendance. If a student misses any class, he/she is responsible for any missed notes, assignments, quizzes/tests, or any other information covered in that class session. Reasonable accommodations will be made for students who miss class.

Grading:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
Below 60%	F

Assignments are due on the date specified by the instructor. Assignments submitted after the due date will be graded at 50%.

Parents and students have access to the student's grades at any time via the Northeast Metro 916 Parent and Student Portal. The instructor will utilize outside software (Google Classroom, Schoology) and these grade books will **NOT** appropriately reflect the student's grade.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated in any form. Some examples include: plagiarism, cheating, etc. The instructor and administration will take appropriate action in cases of academic dishonesty based on the severity.

Special Accommodations:

If the student is in need of any accommodations, please notify the instructor immediately. The instructor will provide necessary and appropriate accommodations to further the student's success.

Instructor Notes:

I am very excited for the opportunity to facilitate and support your learning. Thank you for choosing the Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice program. I am committed to becoming a life-long learner and expect the same from my students. Every day the students and I will bring a willingness to learn/teach, a positive attitude, a professional mindset, and a set of goals in which we are determined to reach and surpass.