

**Western Dakota Technical Institute  
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**Master Syllabus**

**Course Number:** LET 210  
**Course Name:** Introduction to Criminal Justice  
**Credits:** 3  
**Contact Hours:** 3 Lecture

**Course Description:** The history and social significance of the law enforcement profession will be studied along with the role, responsibilities, and demands upon law enforcement officers in our society. The role of a law enforcement officer as it relates to the philosophy of community policing as well as the history of community policing will be explored. Topics concerning motivation, civil liability, job stress, and sociological concepts which are applicable in the practice of law enforcement will be covered. The student will learn about culture, socialization, social deviance, social stratification, gender and minority inequalities, marriage and family relationships, education, and social change in collective behavior.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Textbooks:** <http://bookstore.wdt.edu>

**Materials:** None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Explain criminal justice process in the United States.
- Outline the development and organizational structure of law enforcement from a historical- and present-day perspective in the United States.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the unique vocabulary of criminal justice.
- Explain the philosophy of community policing as it relates to law enforcement in the United States.
- Demonstrate how to successfully compete in the entry-level testing/screening process for employment by law enforcement agencies.

**Assessment:** The core ability of employability will be assessed throughout this course.

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