

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## SOC 311: Sociology of Law Enforcement

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Examines the origin, history and development of policing in the U.S. Specific issues such as community relations, organization, discretion, and corruption are explored from an occupational standpoint in policing.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 06/01/1995 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. History of American policing.
2. Policing in a democratic society.
3. Community oriented policing.
4. Police training and socialization
5. Law enforcement policies in city, county, state, and federal agencies.
6. Police organization.
7. Police deviance and corruption.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand the unique features of policing as an occupation.
2. Understand the origins of law enforcement in history.
3. Understand the role of police in a democratic society.
4. Understand historical and recent transformations in police practices and technologies.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted