

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