A. Course Description

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
Corequisites: None

Lab Hours/ Weeks:
Lecture Hours/ Week :
MnTC Goals: None

This course provides an overview and critical examination of constitutional law as it relates to criminal justice issues. A historical overview of the U.S. Constitution is covered along with how the Constitution works in the legal system including the role of the Supreme Court and constitutional interpretation. The first, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, and fourteenth amendments are emphasized. The course also examines how the Constitution protects the rights of those charged as well as the rights of law-abiding citizens.

B. Course Effective Dates: 09/06/1999 - 01/25/2000 01/26/2000 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:
See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Identify and analyze the historical and constitutional foundations of criminal justice in the United States.
2. Understand key cases, legal terms, clauses, and chronologies in constitutional law.
3. Understand key constitutional amendments as they relate to crime and justice issues.
4. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Co-Requisites: CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice.