LAWE 301 : Policing in the 21st Century

A. Course Description

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice AND CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course meets corresponding learning objectives of the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training. Examines the application of a guardian versus warrior mindset within law enforcement to build trust and legitimacy between agencies and the public. Implicit bias, procedural justice, and reconciliation are explored in the context of conflict management/resolution. Emphasis on the patrol function along with both contemporary issues and future trends including de-escalation strategies, intelligence led policing, data practices and interaction with the media, computer forensics and cyber-crime, homeland security and terrorism, criminal gangs, organized crime, and vice crimes.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/16/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Articulate the key issues, questions and concepts related to law enforcement interactions with communities.
2. Describe the core concepts and models of community policing, community relations and crime prevention.
3. Explain the role of leadership, interpersonal communication and critical thinking in law enforcement.
4. Explain the impact of cultural diversity, professional diversity, and profiling in law enforcement.
5. Describe problem solving and decision making skills as it relates to law enforcement discretion when considering personal rights versus the safety of the public.
6. Explain the patrol function in police agencies and its application in a variety of situations.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice, AND either CJS 200 Literature in Criminal Justice OR CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice required. Note: Must be taken concurrently with LAWE 301L.