

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** ADJ 130

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Introduction to Criminal Law

**Course Description:** Surveys the general principles of American criminal law, the elements of major crimes, and the basic steps of prosecution procedure. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to

- a. Describe and discuss the criminal law of Virginia;
- b. Demonstrate a knowledge of Constitution responsibilities of criminal justice personnel;
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of how to research laws in the Code of Virginia; and
- d. Identify case law as it applies to the criminal justice system.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Crimes Against Person
- b. Crimes Against Property
- c. Sex Crimes
- d. Balancing of Constitutional Rights with the Need for Public Order

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