

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

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 195

Credits: 3

Course Title: Topics in Administration of Justice: Introduction to Homeland Security

Course Description: Presents students with an overview of the vocabulary and important components of homeland security. Discusses the importance of agencies associated with homeland security and their interrelated duties and responsibilities. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is offered to provide students with a basic understanding of the components and vocabulary in the area of homeland security. This topic area has become a vast growing field within the area of criminal justice and is a vital piece to understanding the threats facing our nation. Current law enforcement personnel can use the information in this course for further training to assist their agencies and homeland security units. Students not yet employed in the field will gain a better understanding of what homeland security entails and what job opportunities are available to them upon graduation.

This course will be offered as an ADJ elective for the Administration of Justice AAS degree.

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Outline the essential characteristics of national and international acts of terrorism;
- b. Construct a historical timeline reflecting significant terrorists threats and events in the United States and globally;
- c. Solve problems as an individual and in a coordinated team setting; and
- d. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the agencies involved with homeland security.

Major Topics to Be Included:

1. Characteristics of acts of terrorism
2. Agencies responsible for homeland security
3. Historical events that have impacted homeland security efforts
4. State, national, and international laws impacting homeland security
5. Critical threats confronting homeland security

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: March 1, 2011