

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

**Course Prefix and Number:** ADJ 212

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedures

**Course Description:** Teaches the elements of proof for major and common crimes and the legal classification of offenses. Studies the kinds, degrees, and admissibility of evidence and its presentation in criminal proceedings with emphasis on legal guidelines for methods and techniques of evidence acquisition. Surveys the procedural requirements from arrest to final disposition in the various American court systems with focus on the Virginia jurisdiction. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Define and discuss the elements of proof for major and common crimes;
- b. Define and discuss the legal classification of offenses in Virginia;
- c. Understand the kinds, degrees, and admissibility of evidence and its presentation in criminal proceedings;
- d. Know the legal guidelines for the methods and techniques of evidence acquisition;  
and
- e. Trace the procedural requirements from arrest to final disposition in the court system with a focus on the Virginia jurisdiction.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Constitutional Restrictions on Justice Procedure, Rules of Evidence and Case Law Pertaining to Laws of Arrest and Search and Seizure
- b. Analysis of Cases

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** Fall, 2008