

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

**Course Prefix and Number: LGL 218**

**Credits: 3**

**Course Title:** Criminal Law

**Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)**

Focuses on major crimes, including their classification, elements of proof, intent, conspiracy, responsibility, parties, and defenses. Emphasizes Virginia law. May include general principles of applicable constitutional law and criminal procedure. Lecture 3 hours per week

**General Course Purpose**

For students to learn the basics of criminal defense practice and laws on criminal procedure. To acquaint the student with court forms and the preparation of motions.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites** (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Successful completion of English placement test or evidence of ENG 111 or its equivalent.

**Course Objectives**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand how to ascertain under what statute a client has been charged.
2. Understand what pretrial issues may be applicable.
3. Understand motions made in a criminal case.
4. Understand criminal procedure in Virginia.

**Major Topics to be Included**

1. The Virginia court system
2. Jurisdiction in criminal matters
3. Traffic offenses including driving under the Influence
4. Arrest
5. Search and seizure
6. Bond
7. Offenses including drug offenses, misdemeanors, felonies
8. Defenses including insanity and competency
9. Incidents of trial including jury instructions
10. Presentence reports, sentencing, probation and parole

**Effective date:** August 2007