

## NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Criminal Justice

**Course #:** CJS-C101

**Course Description:**

This course's main focus will be an introduction to crime, law, and the justice system. It will be broken down into law enforcement, the court process, correctional system, and current issues in today's justice system to include juvenile crimes and what to do with individual's who are under the age of 18 and commit violent crimes. .

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** None

**Goals:**

At the completion of this course, the student will have:

- Provide students with a thorough and complete knowledge/understanding of the criminal justice system
- Discuss and respectfully debate the many controversial issues within our criminal justice system
- Develop an understanding of the many facets of the criminal justice system give the student an overall picture of the many different career choices available to them upon graduation
- Develop the ability to think and write critically about issues brought forth in weekly discussions and essay questions on important juvenile delinquency issues. Being able to clearly articulate one's thoughts on paper is critical to being successful in any and all criminal justice fields.

**Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course the students will have a clear understanding of the journey through the criminal justice system by individuals who choose to break the law. The course will discuss the many steps its takes to allow for a fair and just judicial system to function properly in today's society. In addition, this course will act as an introduction to the many different career paths within the criminal justice field as a multitude of professions are required at all levels to adequately deal with today's criminals.