Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: CJS 207

Course Title: Traffic Law Enforcement and Administration

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 43.0103
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 3**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Development, purpose, enforcement, and administration of traffic law; elements of highway transportation system.

General Course Objectives

The student will become familiar with the development, purpose, and administration of traffic law. Illinois law will be used to show this development.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	None	None

Prerequisites

Credit in CJS 101

Methods of Evaluation

4 exams, plus final examination, class participation, daily preparation, 6 quizzes, 10 practical application exercises, and attendance.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Illinois Criminal and Traffic Law Manual 2022, 978-1-62739-378-2

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Necessity and Purpose of Traffic Regulations and Laws	1. Describe how the automobile has affected society. 2. Define the role of the traffic officer in today's society. 3. Identify the reasons behind standardized rules of the road and equipment required for vehicles.	3	0	0
Local, State, and Federal Power to Regulate Traffic; Validity of Traffic Laws and Required Obedience to Traffic Laws	1. Explain how traffic laws are affected by political pressure. 2. Identify the elements of the various offenses committed within given situations. 3. Distinguish between an act and the offense which may accompany it. 4. Define the enforcement index and, given the necessary information, compute the index. 5. Define the difference of a ticket vs. warning in the education of the offender.	5	0	0
Where Traffic Laws Apply: Elements, Issues, and Defenses	1. Describe the reason why an action was a violation, given a situation in which a common traffic violation takes place. 2. Explain where traffic laws apply in the State of Illinois. 3. Choose the charge that will result in the best charge for the offense. 4. Discuss what is required to gain a conviction and what the mental state is for a conviction.	9	0	0
Vehicle Code and Rules of the Road	1. Discuss the various definitions in the vehicle code and how they apply to the vehicle code, for example: intersection, roadway, vehicle, pedestrian. 2. List the various chapters in the vehicle code and what they apply to. 3. Explain how the criminal code reflects anti-theft efforts. 4. List the requirements to gain a license in the State of Illinois along with registration for vehicles. 5. Discuss the rules of the road (sections 200, 300, 400). 6. Discuss the elements of offenses for Obedience to Officers, accident reporting requirements, and Signals and Signs.	8	0	0
Miscellaneous Traffic Laws Including Speeding, DUI, and Pedestrian Responsibility	1. Demonstrate understanding of the requirement to issue a citation for speeding, along with an understanding of the speed detection devices used in the State of Illinois. 2. Explain the laws concerning Right of Way. 3. Explain the responsibility of pedestrians vs. vehicles. 4. Explain the miscellaneous traffic laws that are on the books. 5. Demonstrate current understanding of case law for DUI in the state, including the understanding of the three stages of DUI enforcement (vehicle in motion, personal contact, and field sobriety). Additionally, be able to complete the various DUI forms and demonstrate understanding of DUI: Drugs.	14	0	0

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Review and Prosecution of Traffic Offenses	1. Identify what equipment is required and forbidden on vehicles in the state. 2. Complete a crash report including narrative and proper citation. 3. Outline what prosecutors require to get a conviction for traffic offenses. 4. Produce a vehicle code citation and demonstrate the proper bonding procedure for traffic citations.	6	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0