

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: CJS 221

Course Title: Community Policing and Problem Solving

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 43.0104

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Examines the history and evolution of community policing coupled with the concept of proactive problem-oriented policing versus reactive incident-driven policing, ensuring that the student truly understands how the two work in tandem.

General Course Objectives

Students will learn the meaning of the concept of community policing, including its origin and history, and how it differs from antecedents such as public relations and community relations. Students will also learn research-based best practices in problem-oriented policing techniques.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

3 exams, 1 term paper, and chapter assignments.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Community Policing: Partnerships for Problem Solving, by Linda Miller, et al. 978-1285096674

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- 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
The Evolution of Community Policing	1. Recognize how the community policing philosophy began and evolved through several stages, and differentiate it from both public and community relations.	3	0	0
Inside Police Agencies: Understanding Mission, Culture	1. Trace the development of the police image and role, and examine its influence on public trust, confidence, legitimacy, and community partnerships.	3	0	0
Understanding and Involving the Community	1. Interpret what is meant by the term community and categorize the various levels, spheres, and components of a community, illustrating both differences and similarities.	3	0	0
Problem Solving: Proactive Policing	1. Comprehend the concept of proactive problem-solving and contrast it with the historically incident-driven response to crime.	3	0	0
Implementing Community Policing	1. Recognize the complexity of implementing an abstract philosophy within an institution that values tradition and resists change.	3	0	0
Building Relationships and Trust: 1) Communicating Effectively One on One; 2) Building Partnerships: The Glue of Community Policing; 3) Forming Partnerships with the Media	1. Identify the basic interpersonal skills necessary in forging partnerships with key stakeholders, including those culturally, racially, or socioeconomically different from the mainstream.	6	0	0
Community Policing in the Field: Collaborative Efforts - Early Experiments in Crime Prevention and the Evolution of Community Policing Strategies	1. Inventory the early efforts toward preventing crime and relate them to the development of community policing strategies for reducing crime and disorder.	3	0	0
Safe Neighborhoods and Communities: From Traffic Problems to Crime	1. Differentiate between fear of crime and perceptions of safety with actual crime data and community sentiments on the delivery of police services at the neighborhood level.	3	0	0
Community Policing and Drugs	1. State the linkage between crime and drugs. 2. Name the core principles of the National Drug Control Strategy, and relate them to the community policing philosophy.	3	0	0

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Bringing Youths into Community Policing	1. Show how youth are an important segment of the community often overlooked in the implementation of community policing.	3	0	0
The Challenge of Gangs: Controlling Their Destructive Force	1. Measure the degree and extent of a given community's gang problem in view of the absence of a uniform definition of youth gangs.	3	0	0
Understanding and Preventing Violence and Terrorism	1. Examine the various manifestations and uses of violence in our nation and in the world. 2. Interpret what research informs as to effective and ineffective policing strategies.	3	0	0
What Research Tells Us and a Look to the Future	1. Analyze trends so as to predict and forecast future directions and developments in law enforcement.	6	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0