A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
2. Hours/Week: 3
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): None
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course is an introduction to the American Criminal Justice System. Topics will include the police, courts, and correctional systems.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): February 2009

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1) Crime and the Criminal Justice System: An Overview
   a) Crime in America
   b) Victimization and Criminal Behavior
2) Police
   a) Operations
   b) Constitutional Law
3) Courts
   a) Pretrial Process
   b) Plea Bargaining and Trials
   c) Prosecution and Defense
   d) Punishment and Sentencing
4) Corrections
   a) Development of Corrections
   b) Community Corrections
   c) Incarceration and Prison Society
5) The Juvenile Justice System
   a) Youth Crime in America
   b) Development of the Juvenile Justice System

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Have an understanding of the evolution of the criminal justice system.
2. Have a basic understanding of the police and their role in the criminal justice system.
3. Have a basic understanding of the courts and its role in the criminal justice system.
4. Have an understanding of the different types of correctional institutions and their role in the criminal justice system.
5. Have a basic understanding of the juvenile justice system.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC):

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:
1. Students will be occasionally given daily assignments to test the students’ ability to follow topics of discussion.
2. Students will be tested on material covered in the chapters and lectures.
3. Students will also complete some in class exercises practical exercises

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None