**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**CJ 111 - Policing in Society C-3, P-0, Cr-3**

**Course Description**

This course explores the role of police in American society, both from a historical framework, as well as from a contemporary point of view. Topics include the background of policing, the major types of police work, the role of police discretion, and the legal and ethical questions of policing in society. Relationships among federal, state, and local agencies will also be discussed.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this course students will be able to:

1. Summarize the history of law enforcement in the United States.

2. Identify and articulate the relationships and inter-dependency between the major components of the law enforcement community.

3. Describe the characteristics necessary to become a police officer in contemporary society.

4. Analyze and evaluate the mission of law enforcement.

5. Define key terminology related to policing in the United States.

6. Evaluate the varied interactions between police, citizens, community, and the criminal justice system.

**Major Topics**

History of policing

Mission of policing

Community policing

Federal, state, and local policing perspectives

Police organizational structure

Legal and ethical issues