**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**CJ 209 Homeland Security Credits: 3**

1. **Course Description**

This course provides an overview of the key challenges associated with defending American society from potential threats. It reviews attacks on American security from internal and external sources, the transformation of security issues in light of the 9/11 attacks, and the creation of a federal Department of Homeland Security. Topics include critical infrastructure protection, legal issues in homeland security, constitutional rights and legal protections, civil liberties, community and private industry involvement, as well as homeland security strategies and initiatives.

1. **Prerequisite:** CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
2. **Major Topics**

* Terrorism in Historical and Social Context
* International Terrorism: National and Ethnic Movements
* International Terrorism: Ideological and Religious Movements
* Domestic Terrorism and Homeland Security

1. **Student Learning Outcomes**

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

* Possess a general understanding of the events of September 11, 2001, as well as the subsequent restructuring of the law enforcement community.
* Understand the mission of Homeland Security in a post-*9/11* United States.
* Describe who comprises the Intelligence Community.
* Identify Critical Infrastructure and recognize the need to protect it.
* Identify and articulate the anti-terrorism relationships between the different levels of governmental law enforcement organizations.
* Explain the role of the US Department of Homeland