

## **CRJU 226**

### **Advanced Public Safety Seminar**

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County  
Common Course Outline

#### **Description**

**CRJU 226 – Advanced Public Safety Seminar:** offers supplemental instruction to the basic Special Police Officer (SPO) certification program in the areas of criminal law, criminal investigation, courtroom preparation and testimony, civil law, civil liability, and controlled dangerous substances.

**Pre-requisites:** CRJU 201 and CRJU 273 or completion of Special Police Officer (SPO) certification program.

#### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. identify the various responsibilities of the public safety officers in dealing with juvenile offenders;
2. describe the various aspects of domestic violence from the legal, psychological and sociological perspectives and the resources available to domestic violence victims;
3. describe the practical, psychological and sociological aspects of criminal victimization and the resources available to public safety officers in addressing the needs of the victims;
4. identify the elements of specified crimes and the judicial interpretation of the criminal statutes;
5. identify the arrest authority and general search and seizure concepts consistent with the Special Police Officer (SPO) position;
6. conduct basic criminal investigations consistent with strict adherence to constitutional authority that produce logical and reasonable conclusions;
7. participate in meaningful meetings with the prosecutor's office to discuss prosecutorial strategies and needs;
8. testify in courtroom proceedings that produce fair and impartial justice;
9. identify the difference between civil law and criminal law and the intersection between the two areas of law;
10. describe the potential civil ramifications of actions taken by the Special Police Officer (SPO) and the methods to reduce civil liability;
11. recognize the various types of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) that the Special Police Officer (SPO) is likely to encounter; and
12. describe the criminal investigative strategies and techniques that will be utilized to successfully identify and prosecute violations of the controlled dangerous substances (CDS) laws.

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For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

## **Major Topics**

- I. Criminal law statutes
  - a. Elements of specified crimes
  - b. Scenario-based evaluation
- II. Case law interpretation of statutory language
  - a. Specific language evaluation
  - b. Legislative intent
- III. Successful criminal investigation techniques and tactics
  - a. Interviewing
  - b. Crime scene evaluation and follow up investigation
- IV. Constitutional authority related to criminal investigation
  - a. Arrest authority
  - b. Search authority
- V. Successful criminal case preparation and prosecution
  - a. Accurate and thorough incident reports
  - b. Ancillary reports
  - c. Testimonial credibility
- VI. Civil and criminal law differences
  - a. Civil law standard of proof
  - b. Criminal law standard of proof
- VII. Civil liability factors
  - a. Intentional wrongdoing
  - b. Negligent acts
- VIII. Controlled dangerous substances
  - a. Identification of CDS
  - b. Criminal and civil CDS offenses
- IX. Juvenile law and offenders
  - a. Juvenile law
  - b. Juvenile offenders and related procedures
- IX. Domestic violence
  - a. Legal aspects
  - b. Victim resources
- X. Criminal Victimization
  - a. Psychological and practical considerations
  - b. Victim resources

## **Course Requirements**

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but will include the following, at a minimum:

- Two testing instruments including examinations and/or tests;
- One scenario detailing specific crime elements, specified crime(s) and unique investigative techniques related to them, and the importance of establishing a strong crime victim/SPO partnership in investigations and prosecutions
- Demonstrate ability to testify in a moot court setting

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Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a criminal justice studies elective and is designed for students who have completed the basic Special Police Officer (SPO) training program. The course will be offered each year during the summer session.

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